

Spalding Grammar School Sixth Form

Subject Information

Art and Design

Entry Requirement:

Grade 6 in GCSE Art if studied or portfolio of artwork to be assessed by the Art Department.

Awarding body: AQA

About the subject: The first year of the full A Level course sees students introduced to a broad range of art experiences. In the second year they produce component one and component two according to their strengths.

Students will be taught new techniques and encouraged to raise their existing skills standards in a wide range of practical activities, as well as developing their creative and analytical faculties. This department fosters achievement at the highest levels.

Alongside the practical expertise you'll develop in your studies, you'll also learn transferable skills valued in both higher education and the world of work:

- analytical thinking
- creative problem solving
- working independently
- research methods
- understanding how context shapes meaning
- how to communicate effectively.

A-level Art and Design can prepare you for a range of possible degree options

- Architecture
- Art conservation
- Art history
- Art therapy
- Fashion design
- Film/video production
- Fine art
- Graphic design
- Illustration
- Interior design
- Jewellery design
- Photography
- Product design
- Textile design
- Theatre design
- Three-dimensional design
- Web design.

Possible career options Studying an art, craft and design related degree at university can give you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

- Animator
- Architect
- Art therapist
- Art restoration
- Cartoonist
- Computer game designer
- Community arts worker
- Exhibition designer
- Fashion designer
- Film/video maker
- Fine artist
- Furniture designer
- Graphic designer
- Illustrator
- Interior designer
- Jeweller
- Museum/gallery conservator
- Medical illustrator
- Printmaker
- Product designer
- Teacher
- Theatre designer

The A-level is a practical course in which you learn by doing, so you will be able to create imaginative personal work. You will find out about a whole range of media, techniques and processes. You will develop your creativity and independent thought, learn to express yourself visually and let your imagination flourish.

Assessment:

A-level Art & Design course:

Two academic years in length.

- **Component 1:** You will develop work for a personal investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material. This will count for 60% of your total A-level marks.
- **Component 2:** "Externally Set Assignment" – February 1st to May (tbc) plus 15-hour exam. You will produce personal work in response to one exciting starting point which will count for 40% of your total A-level.

