

## Course title: Art A Level AQA

<b>Academic year:</b>	2026
<b>Course Venue:</b>	Blessed William Howard Catholic High School
<b>Course Type:</b>	A Level
<b>Duration:</b>	2 years

**Course Description:** Students who study Art and Design are able to develop exciting and innovative visual responses to the world around them. This A Level course teaches students to research, analyse, explore, review and develop their own projects. One-to-one tutorials are key to supporting students in the direction and media in which they wish to work, building confidence and opening up creative pathways for them to explore.

The A level course consists of two areas of study: a portfolio and an end-of-course examination. The portfolio consists of the students' own practical work through a variety of different mediums. They should demonstrate an ability to understand and use line, tone, texture, colour and form in an organised way, using a wide range of materials. Students will link their practical work to the work of other artists through historical and contextual study.

Students will be expected to keep a sketch book to collect ideas and information and must draw and paint extensively in their own time in order to develop their skills and provide support material for work in the classroom. It is expected that work will be student-led with the tutor in the role of advisor so it must be understood that pupils should be enthusiastic about the subject and able to work to deadlines.

### Course Content:

Unit 1: Portfolio of work – 96 marks. 60%.

Unit 2: Externally set assignment – 96 marks. 40%.

**Entry requirements:** A level Art is designed to build upon skills gained at GCSE for students who have ideally achieved a grade 6 or above. This course requires dedicated and independent learners due to its high percentage of coursework.

If students achieve lower than a 6 but still wish to take A Level Art, they must discuss this with the Head of Department and provide a portfolio of work that demonstrates their ability.

**Financial Information:** Much of the equipment students may need will be provided by the Art Department, however if students would like their own equipment they will be able to purchase their own from the school suppliers, usually at a heavily discounted rate. There will be opportunities for visits throughout the course, and the costs will be kept as low as possible.



**Future opportunities:** An A level in Art can provide access to further education at college, university or art school or an opening into the wide range of careers associated with art such as graphic design, illustration, product design, theatre, teaching and a wide range of careers within the media of television and advertising.

**Further information:** For those requiring advice on courses or careers in art, please contact a member of the Art Department and we will be happy to help you.

