



Art and Design – Fine Art



What our students say:

“Studying A level Art at Chenderit has been a great experience. I feel that my skills have really developed since GCSE and that I have had a chance to explore a wide range of different artists, approaches and ideas. It’s great to study a subject that has allowed me to develop my analytical and practical skills, my understanding and above all my creativity. It’s a subject that I have always enjoyed, but now feel like I’m developing into a proper artist. That’s why I would recommend Art!”

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs graded 9 – 4, including English and Mathematics and Art at grade 4+.

Students need to enjoy art, and should be looking forward to investing their own time in practising and developing their skills, responding to the advice that they are given and striving to become artists in their own right. Enthusiasm, passion and intellect are the basic requirements for all sixth form artists; creativity and talent are advantageous but can be developed over time.

Exam Board and Specification Link:

Edexcel A Level Art and Design, 9FAO: [Edexcel Art specification](#)

What skills will you develop?

The key skills for all artists to develop are those of observing and recording, together with the discovery and experimentation of techniques and materials. Practical skills are often cited by students as the most important aspect of the course. However, of equal value are the analytical, conceptual, creative and project management skills that are inherently linked to success in this subject.

What will you study?

The work involves observation, recording with materials, researching the work of artists and the production of a final piece. The sketchpad, the camera and the work journal are all used constantly. The course begins with a foundation module that allows all students to develop their basic skills. As the course progresses, students are given gradually more independence. In Y13, students select their own coursework brief to reflect their own interests as artists.



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Why study this subject?

Art is more than just a subject to choose: it can become a way of life! As the creative industries continue to flourish both in this country and across the world, A-level Art is often the stepping stone to success in a variety of professions. Art at Chenderit is both supportive and challenging, where students develop their practical and analytical skills to become better artists. Art can be a magical experience where students learn how to make something beautiful out of little more than good ideas. Art students learn to develop their creativity, their analytical understanding, their visual literacy and their project management. Studying art can not only make you a better artist, it can make you a better learner and even a better person. “Art is not a mirror to reflect the world, but a hammer with which to shape it.”

“The centre deserves to be commended on providing such a rich and vibrant creative environment in which candidates were often fulfilling their creative potential. It was abundantly clear that this was a well taught course with apposite structures and stimuli in place.” - Edexcel Moderator

How will you be assessed?

60% is coursework involving an illustrated essay combined with practical assignments and 40% is a set question with six weeks preparation time and a 15 hour timed practical exam.

Where can the subject lead?

Besides obvious areas like architecture, graphic design, fashion, design etc. the A level Art course provides students with life skills and creative approaches which are much valued by employers in many fields. Many of our students go on to continue their journey as artists at foundation courses or at degree level. A good Art A level grade is evidence that a student: has strong practical skills; is creative and has good aesthetic judgement; can solve problems and find solutions; can work to a deadline and can respond to specific feedback. These attributes are all attractive to employers.

Contact Information

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