



## WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

The Fine Art course is a two year programme of study which is aimed at students who enjoy the subject, are creative and would like the opportunity to stretch their skills further.

## COURSE OUTLINE

The course has two components:

- The first component is a Personal Portfolio of work which is achieved and developed through different themed projects and final outcomes. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to use a wide range of media, materials and techniques and perfect their skills in drawing, painting, printing, textiles and other art disciplines.

There will be an expectation that all work will be annotated and that students will develop their skills in writing about a range of artists, designers and cultures and use technical specialist language to support their practical work.

- In the second component students will consolidate what they have learnt and create a smaller but significant project. There will be an expectation that they become more independent as they create work in response to an externally set, themed project. The conclusion of this component will consist of 10 hours of supervised time to produce a final piece under exam conditions.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The first component is worth 60% of the overall grade and the second component is worth 40%. Both components are marked out of 72 marks and the combined total will determine the final GCSE grade awarded.

Through written and verbal feedback and regular marking of work, students will be aware of what they have achieved and how they can develop further and improve their grade.

## WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

A good level of drawing skills are essential, combined with a passion to be creative and experimental. Art is very time consuming and should be chosen by students who are determined to succeed and work hard in lessons as well as at home.

There will be an expectation that students purchase sketchbooks and an initial art pack of basic materials. A contribution towards the cost of materials during the different components of the two year course may also be required.