St Benedict's Sixth Form

A Level Art

Course Description

Students produce practical and critical/contextual work in one or more areas of study, for example, drawing, painting, mixed-media, sculpture, ceramics, installation, printmaking, moving image (video, film, animation) and photography.

Skills Attained

Students will develop skills in four areas of study and these will be measured through assessment criteria. Students are expected to develop skills in researching artist's / photographers using their influence to create outcomes. They explore a range of media and techniques refining and reviewing ideas as work progresses. Observations should be recorded skilfully and with intention and meaning. A clear and coherent journey from their starting point should be presented as a portfolio, with a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions as a final outcome/s.

Assessment

There are two components to the Art A level. Component 1 is worth 60% of the A Level and is a portfolio of differentiating practice and techniques. This is a personal investigation exploring a theme selected by the student. There is no time limit and it is assessed out of 96 marks. Component 2 is an externally set assignment set by the exam board. This is an examination and has a preparatory period followed by 15 hours supervised exam time. It is assessed out of 96 and is worth 40% of the A level



Progression

The next step for students would be to follow on to an Art A Level. Beyond college, study in the arts would progress to a an Art foundation and a degree in a focused element such as fine Art, textiles, ceramics illustration and photography.

Following this, to name a few a careers in a wide variety of areas once qualified with a relevant degree students would progress to jobs such as accessory designer, production manager, teacher, advertising designer, animation director, animator, architect, art administrator, art critic, free lance photographer, games designer, make up artist

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Art

Exam Board: AQA

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