

# Why choose fine art?

Are you creative and imaginative? Do you enjoy exploring ideas and looking at things in different ways? If so, you should consider a course in fine art with AQA. Fine art is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating. You will enjoy developing your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills and responding to ideas and issues in ways that are personal to you.

Fine art offers opportunities to use your creativity to express yourself. You will develop your understanding of creative processes, your ability to observe and to think, to solve problems and to communicate in a visual way. It will enable you to work independently and to make your own discoveries by exploring ideas, other artists' work and different materials and techniques. Fine art gives you the skills and knowledge to create personal and imaginative work. If you have an adventurous, creative and enquiring mind and are excited by shaping and determining the visual world around us, there is a career opportunity waiting for you.



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## Further study and career opportunities

### Possible degree options

- 2D and 3D animation
- 3D design
- Applied arts
- Architecture
- Art history
- Art therapy
- Ceramics
- Digital media
- Fine art painting
- Fine art printmaking
- Fine art sculpture
- Game design
- Illustration
- Industrial design
- Interior architecture and design
- Visual communication
- Visual effects for film and television

### Possible career options

Studying a fine art related degree at university can give you all sorts of exciting career opportunities, including:

- Architect
- Art technician
- Art therapist
- Art valuer
- Artist in residence
- Arts administrator
- Community arts worker
- Illustrator
- Lecturer
- Multimedia artist
- Mural artist
- Museum/gallery curator
- Painter
- Printmaker
- Sculptor
- Teacher



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## Fine art course content

- Drawing
- Painting
- Mixed-media (including collage and assemblage)
- Sculpture
- Ceramics
- Installation
- Printmaking
- Moving image (animation, film and video)

## A-level assessment

At A-level, for 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. In component 2 you will produce **personal work** in response to one of eight exciting starting points which will count for 40% of your total A-level marks.

## Practical course

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.

Fine art is a great companion to all other subjects as creativity, imagination and problem solving skills can give you great ideas for your other subjects.

## Progression

Fine art A-level builds on the skills, knowledge and understanding developed through study at GCSE.

At the end of the A-level course, you will have the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for higher education.

## Entry requirements

If you want to know more, please talk to your teacher.