



THE ART & DESIGN/PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

COURSES OFFERED:

OCR A level

- Fine art
- Photography

The Art Department offers two year linear A level courses in Fine Art and Photography. There are currently four teachers working across the dept. assisted by two studio technicians. All the department staff are involved in their own art work and share their experiences with students.

Fine Art/Photography: Emphasis is on developing an understanding of the role of Art in society and for the individual. Students follow a broadly- based practical course which encourages the use of many different materials and approaches to working, including drawing, photography, painting, printmaking and mixed media. Although students do concentrate on their individual specialisms, many students take both courses which compliment each other. Practical work is underpinned by written contextual research and supported by visits to exhibitions in this country and abroad. Most of the students take part in a five day study visit to a major European City during the second year of the course.

Many of the students go on to Art Foundation courses following A level prior to a specialist Art/Photography degree, but also and equally valid use Art/Photography as a qualification when applying to a wide range of other University courses or direct employment.

The department is comprised of three large studios, and a printmaking studio

There are approximately 200 Fine Art students and 150 Photography students currently enrolled across both A level years.

Study visits have been made in recent years to Venice, Florence, Barcelona, Madrid and Rome. Students also visit exhibitions, galleries and events in the UK.

An annual exhibition of students work is normally held at the end of the second year as a culmination of students' hard work.

The department was awarded a Grade 1 (Outstanding) in the Ofsted inspection October 2004.