



Why study Art at Formby High School?

The Art Department at Formby High School prides itself on making Art meaningful, enjoyable and accessible to all students. We provide a unique means of self-expression whilst promoting the confidence and desire in the students to produce work of a high quality. This is a highly structured and intensive course, with increasing freedom given as the course progresses, allowing students to explore a wide range of approaches and scales of working.

Teachers offer extensive support, with lunch time and after school drop-in sessions available. We deliver additional Art workshops after school, providing students with a wider scope of skills. The intent of the course is to help students increase their perception and awareness of the environment, to encourage an imaginative and creative approach to problem solving, and to develop self-discipline and confidence.

We regularly enter students' work into national competitions, notably the Saatchi Gallery School

Competition, and offer educational visits to complement their study and appreciation for the subject.

Staff at Formby High School are driven and passionate about Art and take great pleasure in developing the same enthusiasm and commitment with our A Level students.

What does the course involve?

The course is 60% coursework and 40% examination based. You will study AQA A Level Fine Art. During Year 12 you will be introduced to a range of advanced techniques within your coursework unit. Your portfolio is the opportunity to demonstrate a variety of practices alongside one extended collection of work based on a selected theme or concept, which will run into Year 13. For the externally set assignment in Year 13, you will prepare and complete a piece of work over a supervised timescale.

A major part of the Year 13 course is the personal investigation. This is an opportunity to explore a theme of your choice, supporting your design work with an extended essay of 3000

words. The remainder of your A Level marks are awarded based on the externally set assignment. You will choose from a range of starting points and produce a clearly defined selection of work in a set amount of preparatory time.

What can the qualification lead to?

Because of the broad scope of the course, it is a useful subject in combination with many other A Level subjects and is of benefit to those pursuing various university degree courses, as well as to those who wish to follow a career in Art and Design, either through direct entry onto an Art degree course or a Foundation Art course. This course can complement both creative and academic subjects at this level.

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 6 in GCSE Art and an interest and enthusiasm for the subject are of paramount importance when studying Art, accompanied by a willingness to develop your own individual ideas and skills.

Which other subjects complement Art?

- English
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music Technology

Student Viewpoint



"I have always been fascinated by Art and progressing to study Fine Art at A Level has opened up a world of opportunities as I pursue my dream of being an engineer. I am pleased with my combination of Art with my other subject choices of Mathematics, Further Maths and History and always feel well supported by my enthusiastic and passionate Art teachers"

Courses will require a minimum number of five students in order to run.