



## Why study Art at Formby High School?

The Art Department prides itself on making Art meaningful, enjoyable and accessible to all. We provide a unique means of self-expression whilst promoting the confidence and desire in students to produce work of a high quality. This is a highly structured and intensive course, with increasing freedom given as the course progresses, enabling 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 range of skills. The intent of the course is to help students increase their perception and awareness of how to interpret personal subject matter in a creative manner, encouraging 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 A Level Fine Art course comprises of 60% coursework and 40% examination. During Year 12 students are introduced to a range of advanced techniques. The 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, students prepare and complete a full project, culminating in a final piece of work completed in a supervised timescale.

A major part of the Year 13 course is the personal investigation. This is an opportunity to explore a chosen theme in a fully practical manner, which is supplemented with an extended essay of 3000 words. The remainder of A Level marks are awarded based on the externally set assignment. Students select from a range of starting points and produce a clearly defined selection of work in a set amount of preparatory time.

*A Level Art is an exciting and highly practical subject. You explore a range of artists and techniques in depth, developing your own skills while broadening your knowledge of artistic styles and movements. The Art department equips you not only with fantastic materials but also personalised support and a wealth of knowledge from the teachers. This course is highly independent; it is up to you to choose what artists and subjects you would like to study, experimenting with new styles to build your unique project. A Level Art has taught me to explore and embrace new types of art, while discovering my own artistic style and interests.*

## 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 and is highly valued by University providers.

## 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 individual ideas.

## Which other subjects complement Art?

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



**Grace chose to stay at Formby High for Sixth Form**