

# Why Choose Art and Design?

**Art and Design** gives you the opportunity to work to a range of briefs. Once you have opted for Art and Design you will develop your skills in Fine Art and Graphics. These areas of study will help you to build up a portfolio of work.

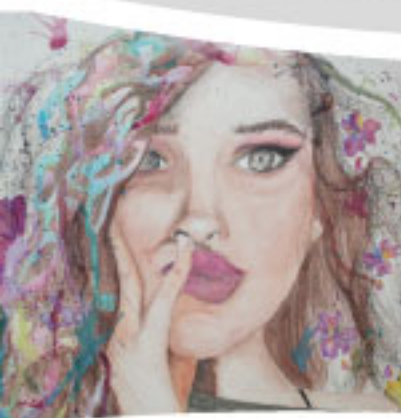
**Fine Art** - This will allow for development in painting and drawing, mixed media, collage and assemblage, sculpture and printmaking.

**Graphics** - This will allow for development in learning about traditional and digital graphical drawing skills using specialised ICT equipment and software, including Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.



In lessons you will be working individually on a topic or commission brief with the guidance of your art teacher. You will develop skills in exploring a range of materials, techniques and processes and have the opportunity to investigate the work of artists, graphic designers and photographers. You will produce individual pieces of work. There will be an emphasis on drawing as this is a vital discipline of the course.

You will have the opportunity to visit other cities. You will also be able to work with local artists and display your work in the local community.



**At Alun School,**  
our experienced teaching team provide  
expert guidance and tuition.

In addition, Art and Design studios and an ICT suite will be available for independent work, before and after school and during lunchbreak.

# GCSE Art and Design

## Assessment Information

**Examining Board:** WJEC    **Accreditation:** GCSE Grades A\* - G

During Years 10 and 11 you will produce a 'Portfolio' consisting of two units of coursework which is worth 60% of your final GCSE grade.

In January of Year 11 you will be issued with an 'Externally Set Assignment'. This will require you to produce preparatory work with a ten hour period of sustained focused work.

The 'Externally Set Assignment' is worth 40% of your final GCSE grade.

You will be expected to support all your work in class by producing self-directed research outside of the classroom environment. This is an essential requirement of the course.

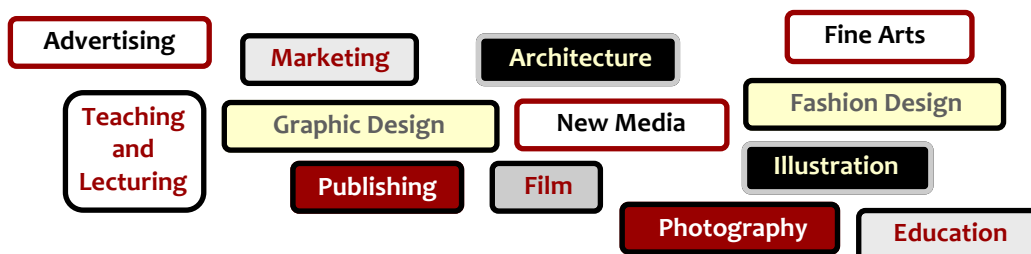
## Who is suitable for this course?

To be successful it is important that you have an interest in Art and Design and that **you can draw**. You will be expected to be self-motivated, dedicated, enthusiastic and willing to express your ideas both visually and written.

## Why should I take this course?

This GCSE course is an important stepping stone to an exciting future and can help you to develop transferable skills that will be of use in any career or job. Design-related work is the second largest money earner for Britain after the retail industry.

Art and Design will give you an excellent grounding for multiple career opportunities including:



## Future Options

After studying GCSE Art you could:

Study Advanced Level Fine Art/Photography or Graphics in the Sixth Form;

Study for a degree in an art and design-related course or another subject at university;

Get a job. Employers are looking for people who are enthusiastic, imaginative and ready to adapt to change - in other words, people who are creative.

## For Further Information

Please see Mrs Morris: Head of Department (C39) or your Art and Design teacher.