

Subject: Art and Design

What the subject is about:

Students are expected to work more independently on individual projects, choosing the theme, media and direction of their own work with teacher guidance.

A/S builds on the broad art and design experience gained by GCSE students. Your working knowledge of materials and practices, your skills to investigate, analyse and experiment, your imagination and the skills to express your ideas and feelings will be developed. You will have a better understanding of the language of art and design and a greater awareness of the place of art, craft and design in history and society.

In St Patrick's Academy we follow the CEA specifications. The AS examination is 50% of the full A level. It follows a **modular structure** and candidates are required to take 2 assessment units.

Course content and assessment schedule:

Paper	Duration	Season when first taken	Brief outline of main content.
AS1 50%	Sept - Feb	May Yr.13 (Summer only)	This is a portfolio unit and it should be based on a theme of your choice and end with a final outcome. It may have elements of fine art and design and can be 2D or 3D
AS2 50%	Feb - May	May Yr. 13 (summer only)	Externally Set Assignment This will require 8 – 10 pages of preparatory work and a final outcome completed as a controlled test outcome. The theme/outcome will be presented in an examination paper issued in Feb of the year of examination.
A2 1 50%	Sept – Feb Year 14	May Yr. 14 (summer only)	A personal investigation - it should consist of visual (8 – 10 pages) and written investigations including an extended essay. All of which contributes to a final outcome.
A2 2 50%	Feb - May	May Yr. 14 (summer only)	Externally set assignment This will require 8 – 10 pages of preparatory work and a final outcome completed as a controlled test outcome. The theme/outcome will be presented in an examination paper issued in Feb of the year of examination.

Entry requirements:

Compulsory GCSE subjects	Grade	Desirable subjects	Grade
Art and Design	A OR B		

Qualities / skills needed to succeed in the course

If you have had good success in Key Stage 4 Art & Design achieving a grade of A* A or B and enjoy the subject then this may be a suitable choice for you. A keen interest in and aptitude for art, craft and design is essential. Time devoted to the subject increases dramatically both in timetabled class (an hour a day) and in homework. Students are expected to complete an A2 page or equivalent per week. Have you the artistic ability, interest and commitment to take this on? A/S / A level art & design provide a very solid foundation for study at a higher level in a range of art and design areas of practice, or in areas of study related to art and design.