



Art and Design

The AS and Advanced Level Courses:

Fine Art OCR 3801; 7801

3D Design OCR 3803; 7803

AS and A Level at Bedford provide an exciting opportunity for students to be able to develop their interests and talents in a well-resourced Art School. Staff are practising artists and the course makes use of their specialisms. The studios are carefully equipped and they offer a stimulating creative environment in a traditional setting. The course is of special importance to those students contemplating Architecture, Foundation or degree studies in Art, Design or Industrial Design. A European Study Tour is usually arranged during the February Half Term, although this is not compulsory; all students who have taken part have benefited enormously from the experience.

The course itself builds on the skills, knowledge and understanding acquired at GCSE. In certain circumstances students will be accepted on to the course without GCSE Art.

At AS the specifications are designed to encourage a broad approach to Art which will allow the student to develop a sound grounding in a number of areas while still exploring the subject in depth. The areas of study are:

Fine Art, which incorporates specialisms in Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture and Alternative Media

Three Dimensional Design which incorporates ceramics.

Both these routes continue on to the A2 part of the A Level but with greater emphasis on depth and focus. In all areas it is anticipated that students will have an interest in the historical and aesthetic side of the subject and that they will pursue this with their own reading and visits to exhibitions. Life Drawing classes take place every Wednesday between 4 and 6pm.

Scheme of Assessment

The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) forms 50% of the assessment weighting of the full A Level. Advanced Subsidiary can be taken as a stand-alone specification or as part of the full A Level course.

Advanced Subsidiary Candidates take Units 1, 2 and 3

A Level Candidates take Units 1, 2, 3 and 4, 5, 6.

Specification Units

Unit	Level	Name	Duration	Weighting	
				AS	A Level
1	AS	Coursework	-	30%	15%
2	AS	Personal Investigation	-	30%	15%
3	AS	Controlled Assignment	5 hours	40%	20%
4	A2	Coursework	-		15%
5	A2	Personal Study	-		15%
6	A2	Controlled Test	15 hours		20%