

A Level in Art and Design - Fine Arts

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Monday 1st September 2025
Course Code	AFQ-AL3L-1112

Course Overview

If you have a passion and flair for art, then this course is for you. You will extend your knowledge and understanding of art and art movements, whilst exploring ideas and advancing your skills within your practical work.

What's on the course?

You will be introduced to a variety of experiences, exploring a range of media, processes and techniques. The syllabus includes drawing, painting and mixed media approaches, as well as a range of printmaking techniques, including relief, intaglio and screen print processes.

There is a specialist printmaking studio with printmaking facilities for screen printing, lino printing, dry point, relief and mono printing. Underpinning your work will be the use of sketchbooks, workbooks and journals to record investigations into broader theoretical and contextual themes.

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

Standard A Level entry requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 5's or above (must include Maths and English Language). However, certain subjects may have additional entry criteria, which can be found below:

Additional Entry Requirements:

A Level Art will require grade 5 in GCSE Art or a portfolio.

What You Will Learn

To support the delivery of theoretical and contextual studies the course includes a programme of external visits, guest speakers and a two residential visits; a 3-day visit to London in year one, and a 5-day European trip in year two.

Assessment

There will be a combination of practical/written work and externally examined coursework.

Progression

What are the career opportunities?

Successful students are guaranteed a place on the Foundation Diploma in Art & Design at Trafford College. Alternatively, students can apply directly for degree level programmes in a related subject.

Career Options

A level Fine Art will allow progression into careers like illustration and graphic design, or other professions such as photography or fashion design.

Mandatory Units

Students are required to work in one or more area(s) of Fine art, such as those listed below. They may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas:

Drawing and painting

Mixed-media, including collage and assemblage

Sculpture

Ceramics

Installation

Printmaking (relief, intaglio, screen processes, and lithography)

Moving image and photography.

Contact Details

For further information please contact T: 0161 886 7070 or E: info@trafford.ac.uk

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