

Course Description

This course gives students the opportunity to express their creativity and develop their imaginative responses through various elements of design and painting or sculpture. The course will include 3 dimensional work, technology and references to contemporary issues.

This course comprises 2 mandatory units

- Expressive unit – practical work requiring investigation, development and a final outcome. Included in the unit is Art studies which covers Artists, their influences and Art Movements.
- Design unit – practical work requiring investigation, development of ideas and problem solving resulting in a final solution. Included in the unit is Design studies which covers Designers, their influences and Design Movements.
(both the expressive and design units are presented in a portfolio)
- Art and Design Studies- allows the student equal time researching the artists and designers relative to the practical units chosen and undertaken by the student.

Assessment

Both practical units are mounted and presented as a portfolio for assessment at the SQA. In Art and Design studies evidence of personal study is a required course element. In addition there is a written Art and Design Studies exam.

Home Study Expectations

Students can expect to be doing at least 2 hours of homework per week which will include the following:

- Research for design projects
- Collecting and drawing an appropriate range of objects
- Producing a range of fully developed ideas for both expressive and design outcomes
- Researching and writing essays on the work of artists and designers
- There is an expectation that learners will attend class at extra times to ensure that they meet deadlines and produce their very best work.

Possible next level of study

Advanced Higher Art and Design

Possible career paths

There is a varied and wide ranging number of career paths that success in Art and Design can lead to including – fashion design, games design, architecture, product design, computer graphics, interior design, textile design, art therapy, education and advertising.

Further courses may be taken at Art College and university in a variety of related disciplines