

Art and Design Diploma at Norbury High

Year 12 Level 3 Art and Design Diploma

Overview

The OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design is a two-year course designed for students aiming to pursue a creative career or continue their studies in higher education. The course offers a broad and engaging introduction to the world of art and design, developing core skills such as drawing, visual communication, contextual understanding, and experimentation with a wide range of materials, techniques, and processes. Students are encouraged to explore personal ideas and creative concepts while building a strong portfolio of work. Over time, the focus shifts toward more independent, self-directed projects that reflect individual interests and ambitions. The course also equips students with the practical knowledge and confidence needed to take their next steps into university, apprenticeships, or the creative industries.

AUT 1 & 2 Core unit developing observational skills through various media. Emphasis on drawing, photography, and sketchbook practice. Exploration of 2D, 3D, and digital techniques. Students develop confidence in experimenting with materials.

SPR 1 & 2 Focus on conveying ideas visually, considering audience and purpose. Supports personal voice. Continue to explore 2D and 3D to build their confidence with materials and processes.

SUM 1 & 2 Students explore art history and contemporary practice, making links to their own work while developing a range of outcomes.

Year 13 Level 3 Art and Design Extended Diploma

Specialism and Independent Work

AUT 1 & 2 Students begin an in-depth, self-directed project with tutor guidance. Research, development, and execution. Reflective practice and planning. Evaluation of skills and experiences.

SPR 1 & 2 Creation of a high-quality portfolio tailored to students' goals. Continuing to develop reflective practice and planning. Evaluation of skills and experiences.

SUM 1 Final project exhibition piece.