

Art and Design - Higher

Why take this course?

There are two main reasons to take Higher Art and Design; you enjoy art and you see it as a possible future area of study at college or university, or, you enjoy it, are good at it, but can use the subject to secure a good grade for entrance to a non-arts based college / university course, or employment.

To succeed in this course, you need...

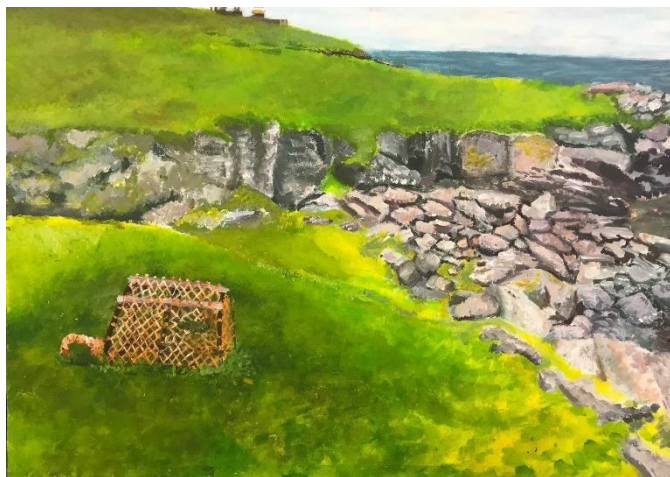
to be enthusiastic, hardworking and engaged with a desire to continue to improve your artistic skills and knowledge. A pass at National 5 would be desirable to enter the Higher course, but if you didn't take National 5 this year, come and have a chat in the art dept to look at the possibilities. There is a written paper so a good level of literacy would be beneficial.

Course structure and Content (subject to change by the SQA)

The Higher course is similar to the National 5 in terms of structure but obviously is a step-up regarding quality.

Expressive Portfolio

This body of work is based on a selected area of study of your choice e.g. portraiture, landscape, still life etc. You will produce analytical drawings, develop skills in using a variety of media leading to a development stage culminating in a final piece. You will also build on your critical understanding of the work of other artists.



Design Portfolio

You will work to a pre-decided design brief of your choice. This will include research of existing designers work, moving into a development stage considering design issues and problem solving using a variety of materials or computer software where appropriate culminating in a final piece design. You will also build on your critical understanding of the work of other designers.

Course Assessment

Both portfolios will be sent away to the SQA and externally assessed. The external written paper covers questions relating to the work of artists / designers and is worth 23% of your overall mark.

Where might this course take me?

Higher Art and Design may lead to further study at Advanced Higher level and onward to an application to an art or design based course after school. Art can be great preparation for any career that requires creative thinking, fine motor skills, presentation skills, and an eye for aesthetics. Take a look at the list of art related careers on the board in the entrance to the art department to see whether your career path requires an art qualification.

