

FINE ART PAINTING & DRAWING

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

PERSONAL
INVESTIGATION
60%

EXTERNALLY-
SET ASSIGNMENT
40%

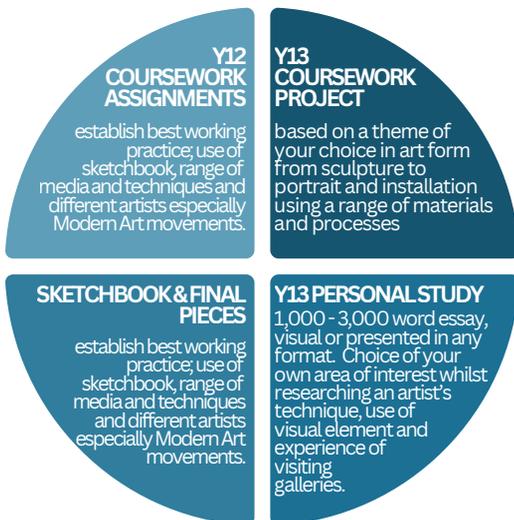
Why study Fine Art?

Here at Stratford upon Avon School we have an excellent track record and reputation for helping our A-Level artists become exciting, innovative and individual artists who often go on to pursue art at a higher level.

After nurturing their love of the subject at Stratford they go on to academic and professional careers. We want you to make our reputation even stronger by learning how to express yourself visually in a way that makes you unique and then exploring in depth the project themes that will show off your artistic attributes.

Subject Specification Outline:

This specification consists of four main elements



Externally-Set Assignment:

Students receive their exam paper in February of Year 13. They then have until early May to prepare for the 15-hour exam, spread across three days. During the preparation period students should visually evidence how/where they have researched their chosen subject matter, made references to other artists, developed ideas



through investigating a range of appropriate media and techniques. To support this process we take our A-Level students to London to visit galleries.

Self Study Requirements:

We would expect students to want to use available time in school to carry on their studies in the Art Department. Outside of school time, we would expect students to be working at least 5 hours of additional worktime per week.

Progression Pathways:

Students who choose Art tend to be working towards a future as an artist or designer, or as an engineer or architect. Careful selection of other A-Levels can facilitate this.

The most common and route to get onto a creative degree course will be to first complete a one-year Foundation course. The Foundation course exposes students to a broadened Art experience beyond A-Level.

A-Level Art and the portfolio it creates, can lead to a host of apprenticeships and career pathways, as creativity is a valued skill in many roles.

Our students beyond Stratford:

Megan (2025 Art)
Psychology with Professional Placement, University of Exeter

