

A student perspective: Art

Why did you choose this subject?

Art has always been my favourite subject from a very young age and I especially enjoyed it in year 11. I love how Art is very different to every subject as it allows you to be creative and you can explore lots of different topics within your area of interest. I feel like taking this subject allows you to escape from your other subjects as it is more relaxing. However, that is not to say that this subject doesn't require lots of hard work! Art is very time consuming as you may know if you took it for GCSE, but I would strongly recommend taking this subject as it will develop your creative skills and will help you a lot, especially if you are considering going into the creative industry.

Give examples of what you have studied in this subject:

At the beginning of year 12, we started our first project which was 'Figure in Context'. Within this topic, we looked at the figure of the human body. We also did a body casting of our hands which was very different to anything I had done before. We have made many 3D sculptures out of clay, wire and even tights and stuffing. We also looked at disease so if you are into the gory side of art this might be a good choice for you! Soon, we are moving on to our independent project and for this you get to choose any topic you want which really allows you to explore new media and ideas through art.

What do you enjoy most about studying this subject?

The things I love most about taking A Level Art is that again, it's very different to any other subject yet it is so relevant in today's society. Art is everywhere! Taking a creative subject will benefit you a lot in the future as it will allow you to think with more of an open mind and you will be able to come up with very interesting and creative ideas which may stand out from other people. If you are considering taking Art, make sure you are passionate about it as it is very time consuming and requires a lot of creative thinking and skill. But, I strongly recommend taking Art, it's such an amazing subject and you can discover so much. As well as this, you can also link your other subjects into your artwork which is very helpful!

What Advice to someone who is considering this subject:

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Make sure you are passionate about Art as it requires a lot of time and effort. You need resilience and to be able to take criticism on board as a way of improving your work...its not personal!!

What subjects do you study alongside this one?

Alongside Art, I also study A Level English and A Level Geography. As my other two subjects are essay based, taking Art has allowed me to escape from writing and take time out of my day to be creative.

What are your plans Post-18?

After sixth form I hope to do a degree level apprenticeship within a creative industry. I would love to go into interior design and I believe that taking art will definitely help me with this.