Newport West Post 16 Partnership
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Level: AS/A2
Syllabus: WJEC
Duration of Course: 1/2 Years
Course Venue: The John Frost School

Entry Requirements

Art and Design

You will be embarking on an exciting course in Art and Design. This builds on a broad range of skills covered at GCSE or BTEC e.g. knowledge and understanding, imagination, creativity, ICT skills, communication, practical techniques, self-confidence, aesthetical appreciation and analytical reasoning. You should have at least a pass at BTEC or a C grade in GCSE to be able to undertake the course or produce a sketchbook of art work to show your ability to understand the course.

Course Outline

A Level Fine Art course is split into two distinct and separate elements, AS and A2. The AS course is made up of one unit and A2 is split into two parts – coursework and a controlled assignment (exam.) For both levels you are required to demonstrate knowledge, skills and understanding in a range of Art and Design disciplines.This will be achieved through written study to expand knowledge, creative activities to develop practical skills and analysis and evaluation to demonstrate understanding.

AS Unit 1(Personal Creative Enquiry)

Within the first year you will complete a coursework based on themes and subject matter which are personal and meaningful to the learner. Your sketchbook should demonstrate different processes and techniques in Fine Art techniques and the final pieces will demonstrate your knowledge, understanding and skills based on the various workshops. You will keep a sketchbook record of your observations, interests, skills and experiments indicating your personal development in Art and Design**,** leading to a final piece or pieces. (40% of qualification**)**

A2 Unit 2 (Personal Investigation Enquiry)

This consists of two parts: Portfolio with outcomes that have a personal significance and an extended written element of 1000 words, which may contain images and texts. Both the practical/theoretical work and the written element will be assessed together using the assessment objectives. Learners will be required to select, evaluate and present their work for assessment. **(36% of qualification)**

A2 level Unit 3 (Externally set Assignment)

Unit 3 is an externally set controlled test. Preparation starts with choosing a question from the exam paper, followed by 6 weeks research and experimentation leading to a 15 hour exam – AS. During the 15 hour exam you will produce your final piece. **(24% of qualification)**

How will I be assessed?

At the beginning of the summer term your course work and exam will be marked by the Art Department staff. Units are marked against the same criteria, which consist of four equally weighed sections: contextual understanding, creative making, reflective recording and personal presentation. Your marks are then submitted to the exam board who then externally moderate the work.