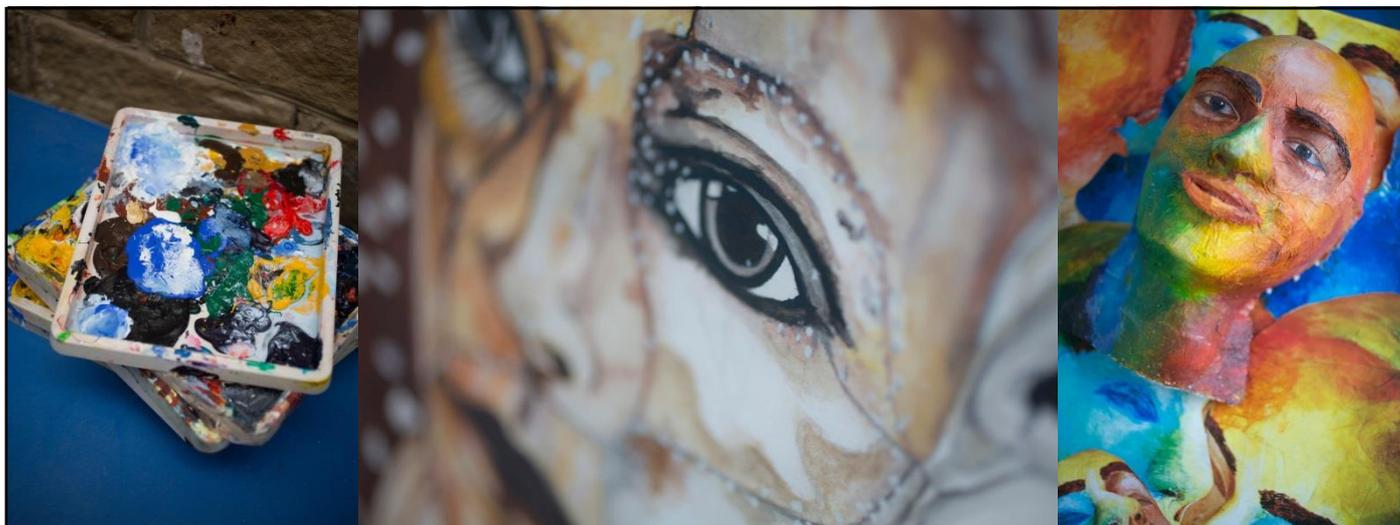


Art and Design



Art and Design occupies an important place within the School Curriculum providing a path to visual literacy and the language of art, and nurturing the creative skills, imagination and industry needed to enable pupils to produce their own work in a visual form.

The Department aims to develop pupils' confidence and capacity to enjoy and understand the subject throughout their time at Rishworth. Pupils' work is regularly displayed in the Art Room and there is a major annual exhibition of examination work to which parents and staff are invited. Exhibitions of artwork are also arranged for Open Events. Students are encouraged to return to the Department in their own time to continue coursework and they may often find themselves working alongside pupils of different ages.

The Department insists on high standards and pupils are expected to perform at the highest level of which they are capable. Consequently, examination results at GCSE and A Level are high.

Art and Design at Rishworth

Art and Design is taught throughout the School, from Year 7 to AS and A Level.

Coursework at all levels involves an opportunity for pupils to work in different areas such as painting, graphics, textiles and three-dimensional studies.

Students are encouraged to express and develop their own ideas from a common starting point. This approach allows them to work with a variety of materials, often within the same project.

At GCSE, pupils undertake at least two coursework assignments which account for 60% of the final mark. One assignment set by the Examination Board, to be completed in ten hours of supervised time, accounts for the remaining 40% of the mark.

At AS and A Level, the Department follows the AQA Art, Craft and Design specification. Students follow a broad-based course exploring practical and critical contextual work through a range of 2D and/or 3D processes with

two or more of the following titles: Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Textile Design, Three-Dimensional Design and Photography.

The AS Level is a 'stand-alone' qualification which does not contribute to the A Level grade.

The one year AS Level course has two components, one being the Portfolio which accounts for 60% of the total mark and the other being an externally set assignment which carries 40%.

The two year A2 Level course comprises a Personal Investigation, which carries 60% of the final mark and an externally set assignment which carries 40%.

Many of those pupils who study Art and Design at A Level take up places on Art Foundation courses.