

# Art, Craft and Design (Edexcel)

*“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” - Pablo Picasso*

Art allows students the freedom to explore their individuality and to express themselves through their choice of materials and processes.



## Academic

The unendorsed nature of the Edexcel specification provides girls with an opportunity to decide which areas of study to focus on in their coursework, prior to finalising choices for university Arts courses.

The Personal Portfolio will show evidence of thorough investigation of a personally selected theme, as investigations are student led. Practical work can take on many formats including work journals, notebooks, design sheets, large-scale rough studies, maquettes, installations and digital materials.

We support students through one to one tutorials and encourage the confidence to take creative risks through exciting and sensitive use of media. Excellent control of the formal elements is key, as we work closely with each artist to develop her skills.

## Co-Curricular

In school, girls can enter a number of categories in the University of Northampton Schools Art Competition, alongside online competitions including those of the Royal Academy of Arts and Saatchi.

Our Trip to the Tate Modern supports the preparatory studies that students need to create as part of the externally-set assignment, prior to the 15-hour examination.

The Studio has a dedicated workspace for each 6.2 girl, allowing every student to work in the Art Department at any time during the school day and until 5.30pm.