

A-Level Art at Bootham School



How is the course structured?

- Year 1 is split into three phases. These phases introduce students to every aspect of learning and creative practice required to succeed and thrive on the A-Level course, from practical skills and sketchbook keeping, to analytical skills and contextual understanding. Copies of the Schemes of Work for each phase are included in this booklet.
- In the Autumn term of Year 2 students develop thematic interests identified in Year 1 into a complete, personal portfolio of practical work. They also develop critical writing skills to produce a piece of written analytical prose, (1.500 words approx), submitted as part of the portfolio. Together with the Year 1 sketchbook, these elements are assessed as Component 1 of the A-Level, accounting for 50% of the overall grade.
- In the Spring and Summer terms, students work in response to a theme set by the examination board to create a second practical project. This culminates in a 15 hour controlled session, during which the final outcomes to the project are created under examination conditions. This project is called Component 2 and accounts for the other 50% of the grade.

Who marks my work?

- The Art teaching staff at Bootham are the first examiners and will award the marks that are then sent to the exam board for verification by a visiting moderator.

What makes Bootham Art Department different?

- All your teachers and technicians are practicing artists
- You get your own personal studio space in College 2, working alongside a recently graduated Artist in Residence.
- You get to curate, install and publicise your own group exhibition outside the school at the end of the College 1 year.
- You can have access to the studios during the evening on most nights of the week.

Why choose to study Art at A-Level?

- It provides essential practical and creative knowledge and skills for a range of future study options including Architecture, Fine Art, Illustration, Graphic Design, Animation, Game Design, Product Design, Interior Design, Fashion Design and many more.
- It teaches a set of transferable skills that may be useful in a variety of creative careers and future life pursuits.
- It develops students' personal confidence, offering them a chance to express a response to the world in ways that enrich and support overall wellbeing.

What do students do next after studying Art?

- Bootham students have an excellent track record of securing places at some of the most highly regarded Art Colleges and Universities in the UK including UAL, Glasgow School of Art, Goldsmiths University, UCL, Manchester School of Architecture, Edinburgh University and Leeds College of Art

Some images from the Order/Disorder exhibition by College 1 students, Summer 2017:

