

## A level Art and Design: Fine Art

Learning through and about the arts enriches the experience of studying while at school as well as preparing students for life after school.

- Arts subjects encourage self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.
- Creativity can also help with wellbeing and improving health and happiness - releasing the pressures of studying as well as those of everyday life.
- Studying arts subjects also help to develop critical thinking and the ability to interpret the world around us.

### Project: Contemporary Art

Explore the themes of the British Art Show 9 exhibition. The British Art Show is widely recognised as a significant marker of recent developments in contemporary art in Britain, and *British Art Show 9* will be no exception. A huge range of works by over 40 artists will be presented, engaging with many of the most urgent issues of our times, including the environmental crisis, identity and belonging, conflict resolution and healing.

As part of the A-level Fine Art course you will be required to develop your own ideas inspired by contextual sources including looking at the work of other artists.

### Tasks

Research the artists exhibiting as part of the BAS9 and select one/two artist(s) to research.

Include the following:

1. Pictures of the artists' work.
2. Words of the different themes, ideas and concepts the artist is working with.
3. Images/words of the different creative processes the artist uses (for example: film, music, sculpting, painting...)
4. The materials the artist uses (for example: paint, clay...)
5. Present your research in a creative way by responding to these questions (whether visually or verbally)
  - a) What you think about the work, what do you like about it?
  - b) What story do you think the artist is telling us?
6. How could you respond to the artists' work? Be creative with what you have - photography, film, collage, paint and/or pencil.

### Inspiration and further support:

See previous student work for inspiration on our Art and Photography webpage:

<https://phoenixartography.weebly.com/bas9.html>

Ideas for artist research pages:

<https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/artist-studies>

Information on British Art Show 9 at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

<https://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/bas9/>

Exam board specification:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/art-and-design-2015.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments>

