

	<h1>The History of Art</h1>
Exam Board	Edexcel
Course Entry Criteria	6 in an essay based subject. An interest in Art and/or History is needed.
Essential skills	In order to take an A level in the History of Art, not only do you need an interest in History, Art or Architecture, but you also need to have the ability to structure and write essays, excellent organisational skills, and have the ability to work independently to meet essay deadlines.
A2	<p>History of Art allows students to broaden their knowledge and understanding of Art, Architecture and historical artefacts.</p> <p>Students are introduced to a wide range of artwork over a chronological period spanning from Ancient Greece to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century over three units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Analysis Unit</b></li> </ul> <p>Students are taught to analyse critically artworks and architecture without prior knowledge. Students will be able to discuss paintings, sculptures and buildings with clarity, learning specific terminology to discuss themes such as composition, materials, pictorial space and light and tone across various genres and movements. By building analytical skills, students decipher clues that enable them to interpret established examples of art and architecture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Thematic Unit</b></li> </ul> <p>Students are taught about specific case studies which will help them to answer questions on the themes of Nature and Identity.</p> <p>Current case studies include works by the artists J.M.W. Turner, and Vincent Van Gogh, as well as by artists, and architects from beyond the European tradition, such as Katsushika Hokusai. Students will be expected to learn information and knowledge about these artists and be use this analytically to create reasoned arguments in a written examination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Periods of Art History</b></li> </ul> <p>Students are taught about two specific periods of Art History; the Early Modern period and the contemporary periods. Students will be expected to read around these periods of history and learn key facts about the artists and their work in order to discuss it in depth.</p>
University requirements	<p>Typical History of Art requirements:</p> <p><b>Cambridge University A*AA</b>  <b>Goldsmiths University of London ABB</b>  <b>Oxford AAA</b>  <b>UCL AAA</b></p> <p>Essay based subjects are a requirement for most University courses and it can be helpful to have an A Level in a Modern language. Art History is only offered in 17 state schools across England and Wales and studying it offers a distinct advantage to gaining access onto a History of Art Degree.</p> <p>Art History is also offered as part of an Art Degree, which is usually entered by portfolio and interview. An AS in Art History would be an advantage for most Art courses.</p>
Related courses and careers	Studying History of Art can lead to work in any art related field, including conservation, curation and sales in museums and galleries, academia as well as History-related careers. The skills gained in analysing visual culture and in argumentation are those needed in many industries for instance in business and advertising.
Other information	History of Art is often not offered in state schools, and often the reserve of the Independent sector. We are very fortunate to be able to offer Art History at Townley Grammar. Art History was a subject studied by both Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge, and therefore is a subject with a royal seal of approval!

