

ART AND PORTFOLIO

Art & Portfolio at Macademia introduces young people aged 12+ to developing their creative voice while building a strong, personal body of work. Students explore a range of artistic techniques, materials, and styles while learning how to present and curate their work professionally.

The course is structured into four standalone modules, each running as a 6-week block (2-hour sessions). Modules can be taken in sequence or alongside other subjects, allowing a flexible and personalised learning journey.

Through practical projects, students experiment, develop ideas, and refine their work into portfolio-ready pieces. The course supports GCSE and A-Level Art while helping students build confidence, creativity, and a high-quality portfolio for further study and creative pathways.

Drawing & Visual Exploration

1. Observational drawing
2. Composition and perspective
3. Light, tone and shadow
4. Materials and techniques
5. Developing a personal style
6. Review and presentation

Concept Development & Personal Project

1. Research and inspiration
2. Idea development
3. Sketchbooks and process
4. Refinement
5. Final piece development
6. Critique

Painting & Mixed Media

1. Colour theory
2. Acrylic and oil techniques
3. Texture and layering
4. Mixed media approaches
5. Experimental work
6. Presentation

Portfolio Building & Presentation

1. Selecting work
2. Layout and composition
3. Visual storytelling
4. Digital portfolios
5. Personal identity
6. Portfolio review

