



## Career Areas

- **Art & Design Specialisms**
- **Public Art**
- **Communications & Media**
- **Creative Industries**
- **Digital Media**
- **Manufacturing Industries**

**Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.**



## **STAFF**

F MICHIE  
R DUNCAN  
M TEDCASTLE

## **GALLERY VISITS**

Going to see work on location is an important part of coursework



## **VISITING ARTISTS & DESIGNERS**

- A variety of visitors share their experience with pupils in the department and outside



**TURRIFF  
ACADEMY**



## **ART & DESIGN**



**NATIONAL**

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# COURSE INFORMATION

## Why Art and Design?

The purpose of the Course is to provide a broad practical experience of art and design and related critical activity. The Course provides opportunities for learners to be inspired by experimenting with how they can visually represent their personal thoughts and ideas and create imaginative expressive and design work.

In the Course, learners will experiment with using art and design materials, techniques and/or technology in creative and expressive ways. They will develop their critical thinking skills as they develop and produce their own creative work and develop their understanding of art and design practice.



## Course Outline

The Course consists of three mandatory Units, including the Added Value Unit.

Each of the component Units of the Course is designed to provide progression to the corresponding Units at National 5.

### Art and Design: Expressive Activity (National 4)

This Unit helps learners to develop an understanding of the factors that influence and inspire artists' work. They will also consider how artists use art materials, techniques and/or technology in their work. Learners will research and develop their personal thoughts and ideas in 2D and/or 3D formats in response to given stimuli. They will produce observational drawings and studies and develop their expressive ideas and compositions by experimenting with and using art materials, techniques and/or technology in creative and expressive ways.

### Art and Design: Design Activity (National 4)

This Unit helps learners to plan, research and develop creative design ideas in response to a given brief. Learners will develop their creativity and problem-solving skills as they consider the design opportunities, issues and constraints of the brief. They will develop their understanding of designers' working practices and the factors that inspire and influence their work. They will also experiment with and develop media handling skills when producing their design ideas in 2D and/or 3D formats.

### Art and Design Practical Activity (National 4)

This Unit adds value by introducing challenge and application. In the Art and Design Practical Activity, learners will draw on and extend their knowledge, and apply practical skills when producing art and design work. The practical activity will be sufficiently open and flexible to allow for personalisation and choice and will focus on both the process and products of learning. They will develop problem-solving and reflective practice skills in the context of their expressive and design work.

# ASSESSMENT

All Units are internally assessed.

They may be assessed on a Unit-by-Unit basis or by combined assessment. They will be assessed on a pass/fail basis within centres.

SQA will provide rigorous external quality assurance, including external verification, to ensure assessment judgements are consistent and meet national standards.

# PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this course may lead to:

- **Art & Design National 5**

# FURTHER COURSES IN TURRIFF ACADEMY

- In S4:  
[Art & Design National 3](#)  
[Art & Design National 5](#)
- In S5/6:  
[Art & Design National 4/5](#)  
[Art & Design Higher](#)