

*Saltus Graduate Years*  
*Academic Handbook*

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# *Saltus Graduate Years*

## *An AP Programme*

The Saltus SGY programme is a two-year programme which covers the last two years of high school. It has as its foundation the Advanced Placement Programme of the College Board. This prestigious Programme covers work at the level of first-year university courses, and success in the AP exams can earn academic credit in many North American universities. In general, universities in the United Kingdom will also accept AP examination grades for admissions purposes. Students are, however, advised to check with individual UK universities regarding the specific requirements that each may have. Saltus has led the way in Bermuda in college preparatory courses, and has had an AP programme since 1974.

Since its inception in 1955, the AP programme has provided motivated high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. Students who participate in the programme not only gain college-level skills, but, in many cases, they also earn North American university credit while still at high school. AP courses are taught by our dedicated and enthusiastic faculty who follow course guidelines developed and published by the College Board. Advanced Placement examinations are taken by more students world-wide than any other exam. Most North American universities, as well as universities in 28 other countries, have an AP policy granting incoming students credit, placement, or both on the basis of their AP grades. Many of these institutions grant up to a full year of college credit (sophomore standing) to students who earn a sufficient number of qualifying AP grades.

At Saltus, however, we recognise that not all students can work at this level in all courses. For this reason, our

flexible programme additionally offers courses that prepare students for tertiary education, and are recognised by universities, but are not taught at an AP level.

This academic handbook provides a description of each of our courses in order that students may appreciate the level of scholarship required and thus determine their particular aptitude for the course chosen. It is expected that all students will meet with the SGY personnel to discuss their academic options before making a final decision on course selection.

### **Compulsory Courses**

It is compulsory for students to take a course in Math, at an appropriate level, and a course in English. The English courses are specifically designed to allow students to take English Literature AP or English Language AP in either year.

### **Elective Courses**

Students must also choose four other subjects from the course list.

### **Course length**

In SGY 1, students will have six periods of each of their chosen courses, plus two periods of Physical Education and two periods of Life Skills/Community Service with their group tutor.

In SGY 2, students will have five periods of each subject, two periods of Life Skills with their group tutor, and eight periods of private study.

Most of the SGY courses are designed as two-year courses. It is assumed that a student starting a two-year course will take the same course in SGY 2 and, where applicable, sit the Advanced Placement Examination.

The only exception to this will be if the teacher feels that the student is not suited for more advanced study in that particular subject. In such cases, the student will be counselled as to what would be an appropriate one-year option in SGY 2

For students wishing to follow a more varied programme, it is possible to take a one-year course in SGY 1 and to follow this with another one-year course in SGY 2. It is also possible for strongly academic students to include an additional one-year course in their regular SGY 2 schedule (by eliminating a portion of their private study time).

Unless specifically stated, one-year courses do not normally lead to Advanced Placement Examinations.

### Option Blocks

The current option blocks are provided on an additional sheet. *Whether all of the courses listed will operate each and every year, and at the designated level, is dependent upon both student choice and staffing.*

### Grade Periods and Examinations

In SGY 1, there will be five grade periods: two in the first term, two in the second term, and one in the third term. All students will also sit the SGY 1 subject exams at the end of the third term. AP exams available at the end of SGY 1 include English Literature, English Language, and Microeconomics.

In SGY 2, there are four grade periods: two in the first term and two in the second. The examination period, both internal and external, begins very soon after the return from the Easter break. All students will sit the SGY 2 subject exams during the internal examination period and, additionally, it is expected that all students following AP courses will sit the appropriate AP examinations during May.

There is the opportunity for qualified students taking the Drama, Accounts, and Business Administration electives to take the British A-Level examination, as there is no AP in these particular subjects.

### Assessment

Students must be aware of the fact that the SGY programme is one of continuous assessment. Marks from each grade period, as well as from the internal examinations, will be used to determine grades which are recorded on school transcripts, as well as to calculate class rank. Grades and class rank are very important indicators of university potential for university admissions officers reviewing high school transcripts.

### SAT

It is expected that SGY students will sit the SAT exams. It is the individual student's responsibility to sign up for the exams ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)). The Math and the English departments do give assistance in preparing for these tests in SGY 1.

Students applying to North American colleges/universities, in particular the more competitive institutions, must ensure that they are fully aware of the SAT requirements of the schools to which they are seeking admission. Many of these will require SAT Subject Tests, in addition to the SAT Reasoning Test.

*"I credit a great deal of my success to Saltus. The faculty are incredibly supportive and have a genuine desire to see their students perform to a high standard. The SGY programme offers a terrific preparation for university: I was able to take university level Advanced Placement courses while also learning to structure my time appropriately between classes, free periods and extra-curricular activities. At the same time, the staff were able to assist greatly during the hectic application process."*

—Richard Hillen

Wharton School of Business

Class of 2004

# *Course Descriptions*

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## ENGLISH

### English Literature AP — SGY 1 or SGY 2

In this course, students will engage in the careful reading and critical analysis of literature, in preparation for the AP examination. The course will include intensive study of representative works of literary merit from various genres and periods. Students will also learn the basic similarities and differences between various research writing formats.

Students taking this course in SGY 1 will also be offered SAT test-taking instruction.

*Prerequisite: C or above in GCSE English Literature, or an equivalent level of study*

### English Language and Composition AP — SGY 1 or SGY 2

Students will be engaged in the study of theories of language and literature, both to modern times and to the time in which it was written. Writing assignments will focus on the critical analysis of literature and will include essays of exposition and argument. In addition, there will be further writing of a more personal/creative nature. Students will also learn the basic similarities and differences between different research writing formats. The course will conclude with the AP examination.

Students taking this course in SGY 1 will also be offered SAT test-taking instruction.

*Prerequisite: C or above in GCSE English Language, or an equivalent level of study*

### College Bound English 1 — SGY 1

This course emphasises the development of literacy, critical thinking, and communication skills. Students will read fiction, non-fiction, poetry, short stories, and plays. Students will learn how to perform research and prepare a Modern Language Association of America (MLA) formatted paper. Additionally, students will be offered SAT test-taking instruction.

This course can also provide a foundation for any qualified student who wishes to take English Language or English Literature AP in SGY 2.

### College Bound English — SGY 2

This course emphasises consolidation of literacy, critical thinking, and communication skills. The course will include creative written expression, as well as formal reviews of film and literature. Students will be expected to produce multi-media presentations as evidence of their ability to understand academic language and to use

it coherently and confidently in discussion and argument. To assist in this, the course covers the similarities and differences of MLA and the American Psychological Association (APA) research papers.

## DRAMATIC ARTS

### Drama 'AS' Level — SGY 1

This course prepares students for the 'A' Level examination in the second year. In this first year, students will cover three main topic areas: exploration of drama and theatre, text in performance, and text in context. This demands an in-depth study of two plays, the performance of a play and the shown understanding of all that has been studied, including the social, cultural and/or historical influences on the play. At the end of SGY 1, students will take the 'AS' Level examination.

*Prerequisite: None; but an interest in the Expressive Arts and in English Literature is essential*

### Drama 'A' Level — SGY 2

In this course, students develop the ideas gleaned in the SGY 1 course and will work on the process of devising an original piece of drama for presentation to an audience. The "text in performance" section will involve the study of a play from the point of view of a director, designer or performer. The "text in context" section will require the detailed study of two prescribed plays. At the end of the course, students will take the 'A' Level examination.

*Prerequisite: Drama 'AS' Level — SGY 1*

## MEDIA STUDIES

### Introduction to Media Studies — SGY 2

This course is designed to enable students to develop a critical understanding of the role of the mass media in society. Studies will assist students to develop their ability to: respond critically and analytically to a range of mass media texts, to investigate the nature of media consumption by different audiences, and to enhance their skills in the planning and creation of media products.

*Prerequisite: None*

## MATHEMATICS

### Calculus — SGY 1 (two groups)

This course introduces the basic concepts and skills of calculus. In Term One, students will investigate and apply the properties of polynomial, exponential, and logarithmic functions; they will study coordinate geometry, and surds. Term Two will see a devotion to SAT work. This will assist students in both the SAT Reasoning Test and the Subject Tests. In Term 3, students will work on Trigonometry and Functions.

*Prerequisite: A grade of B or higher at GCSE Math or an equivalent level of study*

### Calculus — SGY 2

#### Calculus 'A' students

These students will be working towards the AP examination.

Students will work with the skills learned in SGY 1 and, together with work on differentiation (and its application) and on integration (and its application), they will apply these skills to problem solving.

*Prerequisite: Calculus SGY 1 or an equivalent level of study*

#### Calculus 'B' students

This calculus course is recommended for students intending to study business and/or science at university but who, in consultation with the Math faculty, have decided not to pursue the AP Calculus course.

This course will also develop the skills of the previous year, and use this in an understanding of differentiation and integration.

*Prerequisite: Calculus SGY 1 or an equivalent level of study*

### Algebra — SGY 1

In the first term of this course, students will learn about the use of polynomials, factorizing, surds, and linear equations. In the second term, there will be a devotion to SAT work. This will assist students in both the SAT Reasoning Test, and the Subject Tests. In the third term, students will work on quadratic equations, finding solutions of inequalities, and functions.

*Prerequisite: A GCSE background in Mathematics or an equivalent level of study*

### Algebra — SGY 2

Students will develop the skills of the previous year as they cover such areas as indices, coordinate geometry, trigonometry, differentiation, and integration.

*Prerequisite: Algebra or Calculus SGY1*

### Business Math — SGY 1

This is a foundation level study in mathematical and statistical concepts and techniques.

In SGY 1, students will study two main topic areas:

- Basic Mathematics, which will include the use of formulae, percentages and ratios, rounding of numbers, basic algebraic techniques and the solution of equations — including simultaneous and quadratic equations.
- Summarizing and Analyzing Data, which will include data and information, primary and secondary data, probability sampling, tabulation of data, frequency distributions, graphs and diagrams, coefficient of variation.

*Prerequisite: None*

### Business Math — SGY 2

In SGY 2, the course will build on the work of SGY 1.

Students will study two further topic areas:

- Probability, which will include the relationship between probability, proportion and percent, the addition and multiplication rules, expected values, normal distribution.
- Financial Math, which will include simple and compound interest, discounting to find the present value, annuities and perpetuities, loans and mortgages, sinking funds and savings funds, simple investment appraisal.

*Prerequisite: Business Math SGY 1, Algebra SGY 1, Calculus SGY 1*

## ICT

### Computer Science — SGY 1

This course provides a foundation for those working towards the Computer Science AP examination. Students will learn about hardware and software systems, basic programming constructs, variables and data types, Object-Oriented Programming, and program design/implementation. The programming element will use Java.

*Prerequisite: ICT GCSE or an equivalent level of study*

### Computer Science Advanced Placement — SGY 2

This course leads to the AP examination. Students will cover more advanced topics in Java. This will involve study in analysing algorithms, binary and sequential searching, sorting, arrays and error handling. Students will use the AP Marine Biology Case Study as a tool in this course.

*Prerequisite: Computer Science — SGY1*

### Computer and Information Science — SGY 1

Students will study topics including hardware, software, data transfer and integrity. As their skills in systems development improve, students will develop projects in Visual Basic Programming Language. Students will also have the opportunity to consider methods of communication in the context of web development. This will involve projects in digital imaging, web design and computer animation.

*Prerequisite: ICT GCSE or an equivalent level of study*

### Computer and Information Science — SGY 2

This course involves building and configuring small networks; allowing students to explore operating systems and system software. It will build on the SGY 1 course and topics will include internet networking, file management and security, and network design. Students will also develop an understanding of the ethical use of computers.

*Prerequisite: Computer and Information Science — SGY 1, or Computer Science — SGY 1*

## SCIENCE

### University Preparatory Biology — SGY 1

This course furthers students' understanding of the processes involved in biological systems. Students will study cellular functions, diversity of living things, energy and matter exchange, and the reproductive systems.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher at GCSE Biology or an equivalent level of study. Additionally, a grade of C in Chemistry GCSE or an equivalent level of study is recommended*

### Biology AP — SGY 2

This course provides students with the opportunity for in-depth study of the concepts and processes associated with biological systems. Areas of study include: biomolecules, energy storage and transportation, DNA, cell reproduction, genetics, the endocrine system, and the nervous system. At the conclusion of the course, students will sit the AP examination.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher in SGY 1 University Preparatory Biology*

### University Preparatory Chemistry — SGY 1

This course focuses on the concepts and theories that form the basis of modern chemistry. Areas of study will include: the structure of matter (including nuclear chemistry), descriptive chemistry, and reactions. There will be a number of labs throughout the course.

*Prerequisite: A grade of B or higher at GCSE Chemistry or an equivalent level of study. Additionally, a grade of B in Math GCSE or an equivalent level of study is recommended. Students intending to take Chemistry in SGY 2 should be taking a calculus course*

### Chemistry AP — SGY 2

This course enables students to deepen their understanding of chemistry through the study of: the structure of matter, reaction types including equilibria and thermodynamics, and states of matter. Students will develop problem-solving and laboratory skills as they investigate chemical processes, at the same time refining their ability to communicate scientific information. At the conclusion of the course, students will sit the AP examination.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher in SGY 1 University Preparatory Chemistry. In addition, students are required to be following a calculus course*

**University Preparatory Physics — SGY 1**

This course develops students' understanding of the basic concepts of Physics. Students will study classical mechanics and fluid mechanics. Such study will consider different kinds of forces, the quantification of energy, and the way energy is transformed and transmitted. They will develop scientific inquiry skills to enable them to solve assigned problems, as well as those emerging from their investigations.

*Prerequisite: A grade of B or higher at GCSE Physics or an equivalent level of study. Additionally, a grade of B in Math GCSE or an equivalent level of study is recommended. Students intending to take Physics in SGY 2 should be taking a calculus course*

**Physics AP — SGY 2**

This course enables students to develop their understanding of the concepts and theories of Physics. Students will explore further the laws of dynamics and energy transformation, and will investigate electrical, gravitational and magnetic fields; waves and optics; atomic and nuclear physics; electromagnetic radiation; and the interface between energy and matter.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher in SGY 1 Physics. Additionally students need to be following a calculus course*

**Environmental Science — SGY 1**

This course introduces the student to the local ecosystem of Bermuda and the earth in general, and will provide the student with information regarding all aspects of the subject of our environment. Major topics will include: the living earth, the atmosphere and human impact on the environment. The course format is centered on practical and field investigations and analysis; which will provide students with an understanding of both the local (Bermuda) and global environment. Using investigative processes, students will develop skills in conducting scientific investigation and problem solving which will benefit them in other disciplines of science.

*Prerequisite: A science background at GCSE or an equivalent level of study*

**Environmental Science — SGY 2**

Students will continue their investigation into the environment by deepening their understanding of the topics covered in SGY 1. A major research project will be conducted on an issue of local environmental concern to the student. This second year course requires the student to have a basic knowledge of how to conduct scientific investigation and analysis using the Scientific

Method. Some preliminary review of material may be required for any student who has followed a pure science course in SGY 1.

*Prerequisite: An SGY 1 course in any of the following: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, or Environmental Science*

**Introduction to Psychology — SGY 1**

In this course, students will tackle the vocabulary and handle the building blocks needed for a firm foundation in the study of Psychology. They will learn the history of the subject and study research methods before embarking on the study of such areas as: sensation and perception, states of consciousness, personality, and social psychology.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher in GCSE Biology or an equivalent level of study. Additionally, students should have at least a C in GCSE Math or an equivalent level of study*

**Psychology AP — SGY 2**

Students will further develop the themes of the SGY 1 course and, using these, will consider such areas as: biological bases for behaviour, cognition, motivation and emotion, abnormal psychology, and treatment of psychological disorders.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher in SGY 1 Psychology*

## SOCIAL SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

### GEOGRAPHY

#### **Global Perspectives — World Geography — SGY 1**

This course is designed to give students a greater appreciation of how cultures in different parts of the world interact with their environments and with each other. Students selecting this course will use geographic concepts, methods and tools to explore a variety of world geography issues.

*Prerequisite: None, although a GCSE background in Geography or an equivalent level of study would be an advantage*

#### **Human Geography AP — SGY 2**

Students in this course investigate the complexity and fragility of ecosystems and the effects of human activities on them. Students will study the principles of sustainability and resource management, and evaluate various approaches to achieve a more sustainable relationship between the environment, society, and the economy. At the conclusion of the course, students will sit the AP examination.

*Prerequisite: Global Perspectives — World Geography — SGY 1*

### HISTORY

#### **US History: the early years — SGY 1**

This course examines the development of the American social, political and economic structures from the settlement period to the era of Reconstruction. Students will analyse the chronology of events and evaluate the roles played by specific individuals and groups throughout this formative period of American history.

*Prerequisite: None, but a grade of C or higher in GCSE History or an equivalent level of study is recommended*

#### **US History: development as a world power — AP SGY 2**

In this course, students will study the chronology of events and consider the influence of groups, individuals, and issues both in the US and elsewhere, that resulted in the US becoming a world power. This course of study develops a student's understanding of issues from the 1870s to the present day. At the conclusion of the course, students will sit the AP examination.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher in US History: the early years — SGY 1*

#### **Modern World Studies — SGY 1**

This course investigates the major trends affecting the modern world through consideration of the history of prominent issues. Students will learn about the interaction between the West and the Middle East; and the development of modern social, political, and economic systems. In particular students will consider the development of Iraq, the Arab/Israeli conflict, and Haiti as vehicles to gain an understanding of present issues.

*Prerequisite: None*

#### **Sociology — SGY 1**

This course introduces the theories, questions and issues that are the major concerns of sociologists. Students will be given the opportunity to explore different sociological theories and their application to a range of issues, such as: religion, education, race, crime and deviance, and the family structure. Wherever possible, study will be concerned with its application to Bermuda.

*Prerequisite: None*

## ECONOMICS, BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING

### Microeconomics — AP — SGY 1

This course will provide a firm grounding for the AP examination. It covers such areas as: the nature and function of product markets, factor markets, and efficiency, equity and the role of the government. The AP examination will be taken at the end of SGY 1.

*Prerequisite: Grade C or higher in GCSE English or an equivalent level of study*

### Macroeconomics — AP — SGY 2

Students following this course will study basic economic concepts, the measurement of economic performance, national income and price determination, economic growth, and international finance. The AP examination will be taken at the end of SGY 2.

*Prerequisite: Grade C or higher in GCSE English or an equivalent level of study*

### Business Administration — ‘AS’ level — SGY 1

This course is designed to introduce students to the world of business. It will give students the tools to consider the business environment, business units, finance and business plans for starting a business, and strategy using SMART objectives. The ‘AS’ Level examination will be taken at the end of SGY 1.

*Prerequisite: Grade C or higher in GCSE Business, or Accounting, or Economics; or an equivalent level of study*

### Business Administration — ‘A’ Level — SGY 2

This course builds on the foundation work of the SGY 1 course. The areas of study will be: marketing, finance and accounting, people in business, production, and business strategy. The ‘A’ Level examination will be taken at the end of SGY 2.

*Prerequisite: Business Administration ‘AS’ Level — SGY 1*

### Business and Tourism — SGY 1

This is a project-based course designed to assist students to understand business concepts via the study area of tourism. This course is for the student with little previous business background who is seeking a grounding in the subject prior to university. Students will study developments in travel and tourism, the structure and scale of the industry, employment opportunities, the marketing process, and the importance of excellent customer service.

*Prerequisite: None*

### Business and Tourism — SGY 2

This course continues the work of Business and Tourism — SGY 1. Areas covered include: tourism development, characteristics of travel, and travel and tourism in action.

*Prerequisite: Business and Tourism SGY 1, Business Administration SGY 1, or Microeconomics SGY 1*

### Accounts — ‘AS’ Level — SGY 1

This course enables students to study the role of accounting in society, including:

- Development of a sound understanding of accounting principles
- Emphasising the broad educational aspects of accounting

In the first year course, the Advanced Subsidiary (‘AS’) is split into three units:

- Financial Accounting, the accounting Information System (1/3 of total ‘AS’ marks)
- Financial Accounting: Determination of Income (1/3 of total ‘AS’ marks)
- Introduction to Accounting for Management and Decision-making (1/3 of total ‘AS’ marks).

*Prerequisite: Grade C or higher in GCSE Accounts or an equivalent level of study*

### Accounts ‘A’ Level — SGY 2

The second year (A2) units are:

- Further Aspects of Financial Accounting (1/3 of total A2 marks)
- Published Accounts of Limited Liability Companies and Accounting Standards (1/3 of total A2 marks)
- Further Aspects of Accounting for Management and Decision-Making (1/3 of total A2 marks)

*Prerequisite: ‘AS’ Level Accounts SGY 1*

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE

### University Preparatory French Language — SGY 1

This course draws on a variety of themes to promote extensive development of reading and writing skills. It will also reinforce and extend oral communication skills. French cultures around the world will be studied through a variety of materials. Students will be expected to produce various written and oral assignments, including formal essays and presentations

*Prerequisite: Grade C or higher at GCSE French, or an equivalent level of study*

### French Language AP — SGY 2

This course focuses on the development of French language skills at the Advanced Placement level, through the study of a range of themes. Within the course, students will undertake an in-depth analysis of a French novel.

*Prerequisite: University Preparatory French Language — SGY 1*

### University Preparatory Spanish Language — SGY 1

This course draws on a variety of themes to promote extensive development of reading and writing skills. It will also reinforce and extend oral communication skills. Hispanic cultures around the world will be studied through a variety of materials. Students will be expected to produce various written and oral assignments, including formal essays and presentations

*Prerequisite: Grade C or higher at GCSE Spanish or an equivalent level of study*

### Spanish Language AP — SGY 2

This course focuses on the development of Spanish language skills at the Advanced Placement level, through the study of a range of themes. Within the course, students will undertake an in-depth analysis of a Spanish novel.

*Prerequisite: University Preparatory Spanish Language — SGY 1*

## MUSIC

### University Preparatory Music — SGY 1

This course emphasises the appreciation, analysis, and performance of various kinds of music, including baroque and classical, as well as popular. Students will perform technical exercises and appropriate repertoire. They will continue to increase their understanding of the elements of music while developing their technical and imaginative abilities.

*Prerequisite: Grade C or higher in GCSE Music, or a proven musical ability and understanding of the subject*

### Music AP — SGY 2

This course follows from the SGY 1 music course and will prepare students for the AP examination. As such, the course is broken down into five components: Dictation, Sight Singing, Chord Progressions, Harmony and Theory, and Listening Skills.

*Prerequisite: University Preparatory Music — SGY 1, or an equivalent level of study*

## VISUAL ART and TECHNOLOGICAL DESIGN

### Design Technology — SGY 1

This course will instruct the students in the safe use of a workshop and tools. It will allow for a study of Bermudian architecture, and develop ideas for computer generated house design.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or above in GCSE Design and Realization/Communication, or an equivalent level of study*

### Design Technology — SGY 2

This course builds on the work of the SGY 1 course. It allows the students to design and make a major workshop project. Work will be displayed in school and at the Bermuda International Exhibition. The focus of the curriculum thus assists the students to become critical and innovative problem-solvers who question the use of resources and understand the implications of technological innovations.

*Prerequisite: Design Technology — SGY 1*

### Photography — SGY2

This one year course will pursue a basic study of photography and all its components. Students will be introduced to the history of photography, as well as the SLR camera, the darkroom, developing and printing etc. Students will have access to local exhibitions, as well as to local photographers. A portfolio of work will be collected.

*Prerequisite: No knowledge of photography is necessary, although it would be beneficial. An SLR 35mm camera is essential for this course. Students should have access to a laptop/computer to help with any digital work they may be completing*

### University Preparation Studio Art — SGY 1

This course will pursue the study of Drawing and Painting, with the aim to cover skills and techniques used in the Drawing or 2D Design Portfolio of the Advanced Placement Studio Art exam. As a result of this course, students will have developed and produced a sound, sophisticated portfolio of work.

*Prerequisite: A grade of C or above in GCSE Art, or an equivalent level of study*

### Studio Art — AP — SGY 2

Following on from University Preparatory Studio Art, students will continue to build and complete their portfolio, ensuring the three aspects of the portfolio are covered: quality, breadth and concentration. Students will compile slides of their work in breadth and concentration for both the AP exam and to satisfy any entry requirement for prospective colleges and universities.

*Prerequisite: University Preparatory Studio Art — SGY 1*

**Note:** For the exceptional student, it might be possible to complete their Drawing or 2D Design portfolio in SGY 1, and complete an additional portfolio in SGY 2.

### Visual Studies — SGY 1

This course is geared towards the pupil who wishes to expand upon his/her knowledge of the visual arts, who may not have had the opportunity to pursue Art at GCSE level. Studies will be both practical and theoretical, concentrating upon art based skills such as painting and drawing but also looking at art and artists through time in both the immediate community and the world.

Throughout the course, students will build a portfolio of work. Examples of project work include: drawing and painting (with a view to working with an outside establishment such as the Aquarium/National Gallery, to produce artwork for display in a public space); sculpture; photography; ICT Design skills (using art and Design based packages); History of Art

*Prerequisite: Enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to try out new and interesting art based techniques and processes are an essential requirement of the course. Some skills in basic drawing will be an asset*

### Visual Studies — SGY 2

This course will develop the work of Visual Studies — SGY 1. Students will produce a body of work that will be internally examined and, depending upon the quality, could also be externally examined. Students will acquire sound skills and have a portfolio of work that can be utilised for any post-graduate course of study.

*Prerequisite: Visual Studies — SGY 1, or University Preparation Studio Art — SGY 1*