

GCSE Art and Design

Who is the course for?

This GCSE course is suitable for students who enjoy all forms of Art and Design. You will need to be able to communicate your ideas visually and be an imaginative and creative person.

What are the entry requirements?

- Good attendance and punctuality and the ability to keep to deadlines.
- An interest in art and design with an imaginative and creative mind.
- Satisfactory drawing skills.
- Self-motivation and able to work independently.

What skills will I develop?

You will develop art analysis and research skills. You will develop skills in a variety of materials and techniques such as printmaking, painting, drawing and working with clay. Photography skills can be used as part of research and work can be developed using digital media.

Course Aims:

The course will give pupils the experience of studying a wide range of art forms including traditional and modern techniques and the work of a wide range of artists, designers, craft makers and cultures. There will be opportunities to work with a variety of materials such as 3D, ceramics, computer manipulated images, photography, painting and drawing. Students will quickly gain the skills to work independently and students will be expected to carry out coursework tasks and research in their own time as well as in class.

How is the course assessed?

- Component 1: Portfolio (Coursework) is 60% of the marks. This is started at the beginning of year 10 and is ongoing until the end of December of year 11 and consists of two full projects, exploring a range of techniques.
- Component 2: Externally set assignment (exam) which consists of a new full project, the theme of which will be chosen from the exam paper in January and is worked on during lessons. This is finished during 10 hours of supervised time. (split into 4 sessions). This is 40% of the marks. The 10 hours supervised time takes place around the 3rd week in April.

Duration/Time

This is a 2 year course
5 hours per fortnight

What can I do at the end of the course?

A GCSE in Art & Design is a desirable qualification for a variety of careers. These include graphic designer, fashion designer, photographer, web designer, architect, theatre design, costume design, makeup artist, stylist, illustrator, landscape gardener, film & television and interior designer, to mention a few. It is also a useful qualification for other careers as it shows you are creative and compliments many other areas of studies such as Humanities, English and Science.

The examining board we are with is AQA