

COURSE GUIDE - ART

WHAT IS ART?

GCSE Art and Design provides students with a wide range of creative, exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore their interests in ways that are both personally relevant and developmental in nature. It is about you enjoying being creative and experimenting with ideas, being adventurous and taking the odd risk. It's great if you enjoy: coursework, preparing, being methodical, hard work, researching and problem solving.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The course enables students to develop their ability to actively engage in the processes of Art and Design – to build creative skills through learning and doing, to develop imaginative and intuitive ways of working and develop knowledge and understanding of media, materials and technologies in historical and contemporary contexts, societies and cultures. You have the opportunity to try many different materials in both 2D and 3D (textiles/3D/photography etc). You will:

- Explore Visual Language in Art, Design and Media recording ideas, observations and insights (drawing is a very small aspect of the whole course – pencil is not the only way to draw!)
- Refer to the work of others (Find artists you like and adapt your work to subjects you are interested in)
- Explore and Develop Art, Design and Media ideas (Ideas, experimenting and refining are important)
- Present a Personal Project

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed through coursework (unit 1) and an exam (unit 2) at the end of the course. Both the coursework element and the exam (externally set assignment) are made up of projects. You will have the benefit of continuous assessment throughout the course, so you will always know if you are on target and what to do to improve.

What is each part of the course worth?

Coursework (Unit 1) is worth 60% of your final grade.

Externally set assignment (unit 2) is worth 40% of your final grade.

HOW CAN I PROGRESS?

It is a strong foundation for further progression to Art and Design related courses such as A-level Art and Design and enhanced vocational and career pathways. It is essential for anyone who wishes to work in the creative industries: an Artist, Sculptor, Painter, Fashion Designer, Interior designer, Landscape designer, Design Engineer - cars, Architect, Cartoonist, Animator, Computer/Web designer, Photographer, Gallery/Museum curator, Graphic designer, Advertising, Jeweller, Product designer, Art Teacher, Fashion designer etc

FURTHER INFORMATION

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-4200>

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/arts-crafts-and-design>

