



GCSE Art and Design (AQA)

Introduction and course overview

This subject is offered as a GCSE course in Art , Craft & Design. The course encourages a broad approach, which can allow pupils to develop an exploration in a variety of areas, (Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics, Three Dimensional Design and Photography)

The course is made up of two units of work:

Component 1: Portfolio of Work (60%)

Pupils must produce and submit for assessment a selection of work representative of their course of study. The course can be adapted to suit your skills and preferences.

This must contain work from at least two projects done in year 9 and 10 and up to February in year 11

The work from each project will be marked as a whole

Component 2: Externally set Task (40%)

Question papers containing a selection of starting points are set by the examination board and issued to candidates

Pupils are given a preliminary period of time to research and plan for the production of either a single response to their chosen starting point, or a series of responses

Pupils then produce their personal response during a 10 hour supervised examination

Aims of the course

The overall aim of the course is to encourage an adventurous and enquiring approach to art and design which is informed and developed through study of both historical and contemporary art practice. In turn this should enable students to embrace and explore a range of ideas in their work of both a personal and an objective/analytical nature and, in so doing, harness a meaningful appreciation of visual culture



Method of assessment

Both of the units are marked by the College and moderated by the Examination Board. Assessment is based on four Assessment Objectives which are designed to measure pupils' progress in terms of their development of Knowledge and Understanding. All four are equally weighted and are as follows:

1. Research & Develop 2. Experiment & Refine 3. Recording Ideas and Observations 4. Final piece making connections with artists & showing understanding

All projects will show these because the teacher will provide guidance throughout.

Useful resources and further information

Most of our students progress on to A level courses This course provides access to a significant number of career options which are available from the Art department on request.

No matter where pupils' career aspirations lie, Art remains a subject from which all pupils can derive an enriching, life-long experience. The Art department welcomes anyone who enjoys the subject and wants to learn, irrespective of ability.

For specification details please visit AQA website Art and Design