

GCSE Art & Design



How the course is assessed:

Unit 1: Portfolio=60% of overall grade

Unit 2: Externally set assignment from OCR=40% of overall grade

All units are assessed on: Developing art skills through the use of material experimentation, focused technique lessons, artist research, designing and making final pieces.

Externally set task: In Year 11, students will study an externally set task set by OCR that challenges their skills and knowledge. Students will research, develop, design and make and finally undertake a 10-hour exam in the art room. Students will be assessed on the quality of their ideas, research, technique and processes whilst creating their final piece.

GCSE Art and Design is designed to build on the skills and knowledge you developed at Key Stage 3 and take them to a new level. As an art student, you will explore different materials and techniques including drawing, painting, printing and sculpting. You will also research, study and investigate the work of many other contemporary and historical artists.

What skills will I develop?

GCSE Art allows you to build and develop creative and imaginative skills that can be applied to most professional sectors. You will learn how to experiment, take risks, design and develop technical skills in the field of Art and Design. You will explore traditional art making processes as well as more contemporary techniques, relevant to today's art world.

Career progression:

Further Education Successful completion of GCSE Art can lead you to AS/A2 Art Courses and Level 3 Diplomas, Art Foundation courses at sixth forms, colleges and university.

Career Opportunities: Studying Art at GCSE does not mean that you are only suited to become an artist, employers will be able to see that you are able to think creatively and make creative solutions to interesting problems.

Possible jobs and careers include:

Fine Artist, Graphic Designer, Gallery Curator, Games Designer, Illustrator, Photographer, Theatre Set Designer, Furniture Designer, Clothing Designer.

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Assessment: 60% Portfolio, 40% External Task