

GCSE Art

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As well as actually producing art work, you will also be required to show that you are knowledgeable of other artists and other cultures, which will involve research and preparatory work outside of lesson time.

Do I need to have certain qualities/skills to do this subject?

- It is vital that you have an interest in Art if you choose it at Key Stage 4.
- The final grades awarded in Year 11 will take account of the work that you have done over the whole of the 2-year course, and therefore a commitment is required from the outset. The coursework in Year 10 and at the start of Year 11 is intended to give insight into the skills and processes and facilities that are available in the school. This includes 3D printing, 2D Design for laser cutting. You will then demonstrate the Art skills that you have learnt by addressing a 4 month, externally set assignment. This starts in January in Year 11 and finishes just after Easter. You will have more lessons each week and students are expected to be independently active.



What will I learn?

This depends very much on your intentions and response.

- Develop ideas informed by the work of other Artists; both historical and contemporary, architecture, designers and different cultures
- Explore the use of a range of media including paint, drawing, photography, sculpture, 2D design
- How to record ideas and observations from areas of interest that will enable you to personalise and develop your ideas



The direction your work will take will be determined as the course develops and individual strengths and weaknesses become more apparent.

To develop techniques, a number of professional materials will be called upon. All the practical work must be set against the traditions and history of the subject and so there will be much to learn *about* Art, as well as actually producing Art.

Does this lead to a qualification?

The Key Stage 4 Art course is a GCSE award accredited by the Examination Board AQA. All work will be graded from 9 – 1, there are no 'stepped' papers.

How is this qualification assessed?

The GCSE is assessed by way of an exhibition of work at the end of the course where coursework projects must be displayed, as well as an examination piece. The examination piece is valued at **40%** of the final mark, coursework making up the other **60%**.

Further information available from:

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What can I do with this qualification?

Further studies at Sixth Form: AS/A2 Level Art and Design, Foundation Art courses

Careers: Photography, Illustration (books and magazines), Animation (cartoons/films), Teaching – Nursery, Primary and Secondary, Architecture, Interior Design, Theatre Design and Management, Film and Video production, Product Design, Graphic Design, Fashion/Textile Design and Jewellery Design, Industrial Design, Ceramics, Graphic illustration/Magazine layout.