

OPTION SUBJECTS

ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN GCSE

What qualification does this course lead to?

ART GCSE – AQA exam board

Examination level: GCSE Grades 9-1

Coursework: 60% of Final Grade

Students will build a Portfolio of artwork over the 2 years through two themed projects. They will be encouraged to include work which reflects their best achievement with a variety of materials, techniques and experience. It is required by the exam board that students demonstrate a range of skills that MUST include drawing and the ability to write about their work and the work of others.

Exam: 40% of Final Grade

Students choose from a variety of themes set by the exam board. They will receive several weeks of preparation time where they produce work that will lead to a final piece – this is produced in the 10 hour exam. The 10 hour exam is spread across a couple of days and we find that students really enjoy this exam and the extended time they have to produce their work.

What topics will I study?

Students will be given choices and opportunities to look at themes such as packaging, identity, natural forms, portraits, patterns, photography, places, memories and more. Students are encouraged to become independent and confident in their decision making. Opportunities to work in various materials and processes will be offered, including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, ICT manipulation, collage, mixed media and specialist areas of their own choice.

How will I learn/how will I be taught?

Students will be taught in mixed ability groups where we will encourage highly skilful and individual artwork. An in depth knowledge of Art processes, artist styles and other cultures and an ability to make your own informed decisions will be developed over the three years. Students will be required to continue their work in their own time through homework and personal study.

How will I be assessed?

Coursework is worth 60% and the Exam is worth 40% of the final grade. This is marked by the staff in the Art department and then moderated by AQA. The exam is a set of themes that will set by the exam board.

What can this course lead on to?

A Level Art courses and BTEC Art courses offered at Post 16 colleges.

Careers/Further Education

Creative careers include Architecture, Interior Design, Fashion designer, Photography, Window Dressing/ Design, Fine Artist, Graphic Design, Illustration, Teaching and many more.

Who do I need to contact for more information?

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