

**Subject:** Art and Design: Fine Art

**Qualification:** GCSE (60180870)

**Exam Board:** Eduqas



### What will I study?

GCSE Art and Design broadens experience, develops imagination and technical skills, fosters creativity and promotes personal and social development. You will explore broad themes allowing you to experience a diverse range of activities. You will have the opportunity to experiment with different media in order to identify your strengths and preferences allowing you to develop individually as an artist. The aim of the course is to extend your visual language skills and your confidence when making decisions independently. In the context of Art, you will develop critical, practical and theoretical skills that you can transfer to other subjects. You will build a comprehensive portfolio of work to progress to further courses or employment.

### Is this the right subject for me?

The GCSE Art and Design is ideal for anyone who:

- is keen to develop their visual and making skills through drawing, painting and printmaking
- is creative, enthusiastic and imaginative
- enjoys visits to galleries, museums and workshops
- is keen to experiment, embrace challenge, make decisions, take risks and solve problems
- is willing to develop and refine their work

The validity of art stretches beyond practical skills with art-based media, the diversity of the creative process means you will gain skills transferable to other subjects and to your future employment:

- Communication and self-direction – projects require decision making, these may be based on choice of imagery, media or context
- Creativity and risk taking – using imagination to experiment, innovate, make independent choices and solve problems which arise as a part of the process
- Collaboration and critical thinking – creating a supportive working environment, being aware of their choices and how these influence others. To make connections and analyse the impact of the wider art world on their work
- Reflection and resilience – creating an artwork is just the start of the dialogue, embrace the setbacks and evaluate to develop diversity and discover solutions

### What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

The course will enable you to develop your art and design skills; it is important for you to be committed, love the subject and be motivated to develop your skills practically and resource and express your own ideas.

### How will I be assessed?

<b>Component 1: Portfolio</b> 60% of GCSE 120 marks	<b>Component 2: Externally Set Assignment</b> 40% of GCSE 80 marks
Internally set and marked; assessed through controlled assessment.	Externally set theme and internally marked.
Each component is assessed separately using 4 assessment objectives, with each AO equally weighted. <b>AO1</b> Critical understanding - Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources <b>AO2</b> Creative making - Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes. <b>AO3</b> Reflective recording - Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses. <b>AO4</b> Personal presentation - Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.	

### What can this qualification lead to?

You could progress to further education courses at Level 3, for example

- GCE A Level Art and Design
- GCE A Level Photography

You could then progress to an Art Foundation course followed by one of the many art based degree courses for example, Graphic design, Fashion, Photography, Architecture, Automotive Design, Fine Art, Illustration or Games Design.

When you seek employment your portfolio of work will provide evidence of your ability to pursue a sustained two-year GCSE course that covers different assignments and requires you to produce a range of work independently, solving problems and making decisions. There may be opportunities to work in a local design office, graphics or packaging company, advertising and retail or you may choose an apprenticeship.

With Britain's creative industries contributing a record breaking £111.7 billion to the UK economy in 2018, opting for creative subjects offers an exciting, varied and viable career path.

#### Further information

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