

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

GCSE

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Examination Board: AQA

Assessment: 60% coursework, 40% examination

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

Over the two years students produce coursework on two given topics or themes, one of which will also be the Year 11 mock examination. These are timed controlled assessments so each lesson and homework counts. The assessment takes place under normal classroom conditions apart from the mock examinations in Year 10 and 11 and, of course, the final examination. After initial research and observational studies you are required to develop a series of ideas before selecting one to be produced as your final project piece. One of these units will be assessed as your coursework portfolio and is worth 60% of your final grade. During the course you should expect to develop your art and design skills further through drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles, sculpture, ceramic work, photography, digital imagery and researching the work of other artists. You must show an understanding of historical and contemporary art work and be able to express yourself verbally and visually, as well as through written documentation in your sketchbook. Sketchbooks are compulsory for this GCSE and must be brought to every lesson as they form an essential part of every project set.

DIFFERENCES FROM YEAR 9

The GCSE will require a more individual and self-motivated approach. You will often be asked to collect research through drawing, making studies and taking photographs for homework.

SKILLS DEVELOPED

A wealth of creativity, experimentation, self-evaluation and review will be seen as you develop your artistic pieces and portfolio. Your skills in a wide range of artistic techniques will also grow through the course.