

Art & Design*

Qualification:
GCSE

Is this course for me?

The Art & Design GCSE is a wide-ranging course in which students produce their own works of art, based on first-hand experience to a set theme. The course will appeal to students who wish to work from what they see, who are enthusiastic about art, who can demonstrate the range of artistic skills taught in Years 7 to 9 and who are keen to improve.

What does the course involve?

Students must be highly motivated and prepared to experiment with a variety of materials. Sketchbooks are used extensively to draw, sketch, record ideas, make notes and produce a range of media and techniques. Homework is a vital part of the Art and Design GCSE and is linked to the themes studied. It is essential that students are prepared to work at home and have a sketchbook.

In Year 10 there is the opportunity of a one-day trip to Tate St.Ives in Cornwall. In Year 10 and 11 those students considering taking A-Level Art in Post-16 are invited to join study trips abroad ***[previous trips include Paris, Barcelona, Venice and New York]***. Work produced as a result becomes coursework or examination preparation for the final timed test and invariably improves the student's final grade.

How will my work be assessed?

Students are assessed regularly at the end of each course unit. There will be a 'mock' examination in both Year 10 and Year 11. The final grade is based on a combination of coursework and an externally set exam, with emphasis given to the degree of skill reached at the end of the two years. Coursework comprises 60% of the total mark with the Externally Set Assignment comprising the remaining 40%.

What courses can this lead to in Post-16?

A Level Art and/or Photography.

****Please note that there are three different Art & Design courses – students may only choose one.***

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