

# ART AND DESIGN

## What is GCSE Art & Design all about?

The skills you will develop doing GCSE Art will be varied. Among them, you will develop a working knowledge of the materials, practices and technology of art and design. You will develop the skills to investigate, analyse and experiment using art, craft and design. You will develop your imaginative powers and the skills to express your ideas, feelings and meanings. Through developing projects based on personal concepts.

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### How does it follow on from what I have learned before?

The GCSE in Art & Design follows on from what you have been doing in Year 7-9. The emphasis in this GCSE is on the process of developing both ideas and work. If you are interested in art, craft or design and if you have an aptitude for the subject – if you are creative, or ‘good at drawing’ – you may have the basic skills to succeed. The projects expose you to mixed media, techniques and processes and encourage work on diverse scales.

### What about exams?

The examination for GCSE Art and Design is a practical examination. It is worth 40% of the mark.

The tasks are set by AQA, there is a preparatory period and then 10 hours of supervised examination time at the end of Year 11.

### What could I do next with a GCSE in Art & Design?

There are many things you can go on to do with a GCSE in Art and Design. If you are unsure about what to do next, the best thing is to speak to Mrs Baptiste or Miss Swingler who will know about the choices on offer.

You could study for a National Certificate or National Diploma in Art & Design. You may wish to do a GCSE in

### Is there any coursework?

The 60% coursework part of the GCSE Art & Design includes research, supporting studies and work showing the development of your ideas, leading to one or more outcomes – usually finished pieces of work. Your teacher will set your assignments and tasks initially before you develop them in a personal direction.

### What other skills might I develop?

In this course, you will cover the study of art, craft and design and acquire the ability to investigate, analyse and experiment. You will also develop practical skills to express ideas and use visual language. This course will therefore enable you to develop skills which will be essential to you whatever you go on to do afterwards.

The other skills you can develop during this course will be skills in communication, ICT, research based activities, improving own learning and performance, working with others and problem solving.

Art & Design for its own sake, perhaps to form the basis of a future interest. Or you might wish to go into a job where it is useful to have had experience of art, craft and design, or where you will need to use some of the skills developed during this course. These might include careers in such fields as Fashion Design, Museum and Gallery Curating, Theatre and Set Design, Costume Design, Game Design, and Surface Pattern, Graphic Design, Photography, Architecture, Jewellery, Animation, Advertising, Teaching, Marketing, Publishing and the Media.

Whichever you choose, the study of Art can help you develop transferable skills which you can take into any career or job.

## CASE STUDY

Aira, Year 11

*I chose to study Art because I have always loved art in general and I knew the course would help me to explore different materials and artists.*

*I have really enjoyed working on large surfaces and other external materials as it has allowed me to have a bigger working space.*

*I also enjoyed learning about the artist Mark Powell as his style of art taught me how to draw in different styles and the use of recycling in art.*

*In taking this course I now know more about oil painting.*

*I would urge Year 9 students to try out a variety of materials to find the one that suits you for future projects.*



**EXAMINATION BOARD:** AQA

### ASSESSMENT DETAILS:

Coursework	60%
Practical examination	40%

**For further information contact:**  
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