

GCSE Art, Craft and Design

Art, Craft & Design is the main title students study within Art & Design, but other titles are available: Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Three-dimensional Design. Photography is delivered as a separate GCSE.

What will I make/study and which title should I do?

This depends on your interests in art & design, the type of work you want to make, materials and processes you feel most confident about using. A typical class will have 20+ students with 20+ different projects taking place at the same time.

You will be encouraged to be independent and creative in developing your own ideas. There is no single approach to making art and you will be encouraged to find your own creative path within your own personal project.

I like art but feel I'm not very good...

High levels of engagement and enjoyment are more important than levels of skill. If you are willing to work hard and listen to advice, we will be very happy to guide you through the course.

How is work assessed?

Component 1: **Portfolio**

- Two years to create a portfolio, with everything you make from the first lesson potentially going towards your final grade.
- **60%** of final mark

Component 2: **Externally set assignment**

- 10 weeks to respond to the exam question, investigating and developing ideas. Resulting in a 10 hour exam, where one or more outcomes will be made. Essentially you have two days to make an outcome, which if planned well can be a highly enjoyable experience.
- **40%** of final mark

Why should I study art & design?

Arts subjects encourage self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.

Creativity can also help with wellbeing and improving health and happiness – many students comment that arts lessons acted as an outlet for releasing the pressures of studying as well as those of everyday life.

- Studying arts subjects also help to develop critical thinking and the ability to interpret the world around us.
- The leading people in any field are those who can think creatively and innovatively. These are skills that employer's value alongside qualifications.
- When you study art, you learn to work both independently and collaboratively, you also gain experience in time management – skillsets valued by employers.
- Studying the arts teaches determination and resilience – qualities useful to any career.
- Studying art and design at school opens the door to a range of careers in the creative industries. The creative industries are an important part of the British economy – one of the areas of the economy that is still growing.