



AQA Art and Design GCSE

QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW

The GCSE qualification is defined by refining practical skills and experimenting with new media based on Artist research. Learners will demonstrate critical understanding of technical knowledge and will be able to use key vocabulary to express their views on their work, and work of others.

The qualification offers an introduction into the Art world and the careers it could lead to.

ASSESSMENT

The Art & Design GCSE is assessed via two components; Portfolio & Externally set, which are graded over four Assessment objectives.

- ◆ AO1—Artist research
- ◆ AO2—Media developments
- ◆ AO3—Recording of ideas (visually and annotated)
- ◆ AO4—Informed final piece

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

Pupils will complete two components over 2 years:

- ◆ Component 1—Portfolio

The student portfolios will consist of the following projects.

Teacher led project based on the theme 'Closeups.'

Student directed project, theme to be meaningful to the individual.

- ◆ Component 2—Externally set assignment

Students receive several starting points from AQA which consist of focus artists. Students will choose one starting point and show a clear journey from artist research through to final piece.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Pupils who complete the AQA Art and Design GCSE can:

- ◆ Use the qualification to help access A Level options, for example Fine Art, Graphics, Media studies, and photography at various colleges.
- ◆ Use the qualification to help develop transferable skills.
- ◆ Use the Art knowledge and vocabulary to assist in creative career paths.

Career paths

Artist, Designer, Art therapist, Web designer, Photographer, Sculptor, Textile Artist, Gallery curator, Prop design, Illustrator.



Full Qualification Details

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