

Art & Design

GCSE

Examination Board: AQA

What will I study?

If you enjoy being creative, want to increase your practical skills and improve your analytical, communication and research abilities, art and design is a great choice. The skills you gain make it a great complement to other subjects. Art and design is a way of seeing things and making sense of the world around you. It can help you with further study and prepare you for the world of work. Fine art explores ideas, conveys experiences or responds to a theme or issue of personal significance. The areas of study are very broad and cover drawing, painting, sculpture, installation and mixed media.

How is the course assessed?

There are two components:

- **Component 1 Portfolio:** produce a sustained project and a selection of further work that represents the course of study. This is worth 60% of your overall marks.
- **Component 2 Externally set assignment:** there's a separate externally set task paper for each title. It features seven tasks and you have to complete one of them. You get preparation time, plus ten hours of supervised time. This is worth 40% of your total marks.

How will this course help me in the future?

You can continue your art and design studies at AS and A-level. If you don't want to take your art and design studies any further, the transferable skills you gain will still be valuable. You'll develop problem solving, creative thinking, investigation, research, communication and teamwork skills, and gain the ability to develop, refine and present ideas. Employers and universities regard all of these highly. Art and design opens the doors to lots of career paths including Fashion design, graphic design, Theatre design, Animator, Video game designer, illustrator, advertising, publishing and so many more.

Which member of staff should I contact for more information?

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