

## Studying Art and Design

The GCSE course in Art and Design aims to produce a body of work that explores key areas of the subject through a variety of media and techniques, culminating in a final exhibition at the beginning of the Summer Term in the Fifth Year.

Drawing is at the core of study, but painting, graphics, print, textiles, and three-dimensional work provide for development of initial ideas and skills. Practical work is supported through an appreciation of art history and critical thinking with pupils undertaking gallery visits to gather source material. In addition, the opportunity to visit galleries abroad as part of a residential trip may be offered.

The subject offers considerable scope for those who are enthusiastic and show potential in the Third Year and who wish to continue their study to a higher level. There is no written examination, but a significant commitment in terms of time is required throughout the two years. Pupils should be prepared to explore ideas and show a strong personal response.

## The Course Content

Pupils must demonstrate their ability to:

- Develop their ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources
- Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes
- Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses
- Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language

## Assessment of the Course

### Written Examination

No

### NEA/ Coursework

60% Portfolio  
40% Assignment

The department follows the AQA GCSE specification. The portfolio comprises 60% of the total marks awarded while the remaining 40% of the assessment is an externally set assignment undertaken towards the end of the Fifth Year.

The final piece is produced in ten hours and comes at the end of a period of preparatory study that takes a starting point of the pupil's choice.

## Further information

For further information, please speak to Mr Davies or visit:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201-8206/specification-at-a-glance>

