

ART AND DESIGN

Type of Qualification: GCSE (AQA)

How it is assessed: 60% coursework
40% final examination project

Course Overview:

- The course takes the form of a series of projects, each taking between four and six weeks to complete. The first year of the course will be focused on building the necessary skills and exploring a variety of media, processes and techniques. This will then ensure students have the necessary foundation skills needed to produce their coursework portfolio in the second and third year of the course.
- For their coursework portfolio students will develop at least three main bodies of work relating to several different themes, one of which will be completed under exam conditions as a mock examination so that students can appreciate the format of the final examination project. Students will learn about the work of other artists and use this knowledge to make connections with their own artwork. Students will also see artwork when they visit museums and art galleries in Cambridge and London with the department.
- Most students follow a course that covers a wide range of two or three-dimensional media, but some may choose to specialise. If a student chooses to specialise in ceramics/sculpture, they will undertake the same projects as other students, but all their finished work will be in clay or three-dimensional media.
- The examination consists of an externally set paper given out in the January of year 11, which students respond to over a period of 10 weeks, developing and exploring ideas culminating in a 10-hour final examination held over a two-day period.

Beyond Year 11:

Art and Design GCSE would be a key requirement to study Art at a higher level. Art is a subject which can open many doors to a variety of courses and careers within areas such as: Fashion and Textile design, Graphic design, Spatial design, 3D design, Jewellery design, Fine art, Photography, Digital and multi-media and many more.

