

Edexcel GCSE Art and Design

What is GCSE Art and Design all about?

It's about having an adventurous and enquiring approach to art and design and developing the skills to express it. You will develop an understanding of past and contemporary art and design and be able to produce a personal response embracing a range of ideas.

The skills you will develop doing GCSE Art will be varied. Among them, you will develop a working knowledge of the materials, practices and technology of art and design.

You will develop the skills to investigate, analyse and experiment using art, craft and design. You will develop your imaginative powers and the skills to express your feelings and meanings.

You will also develop an understanding of the language and conventions of art and design and an understanding of the place of art, craft and design in history and society.



Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy:

- developing your visual skills
 - being creative, enthusiastic and imaginative
 - visits to galleries, museums, workshops and studios
 - experimenting and taking risks with your work
- then our GCSE Art and Design is the ideal subject for you

If you are 'good at drawing' and are well organised - you may have the basic skills to succeed.



What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

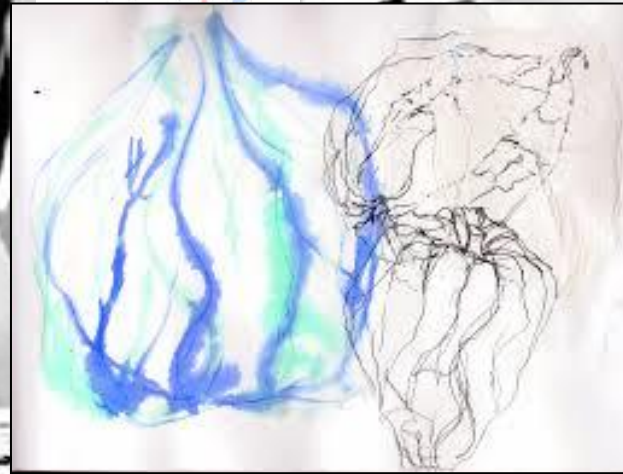
You should have a commitment to, and love of the subject and feel motivated to develop your visual skills and express your ideas in working through the set projects. You will be expected to work at home, so will need some art equipment, such as acrylic paints, pastels, a good set of drawing pencils etc.

What will I learn?

The GCSE covers a range of activities and in-depth projects. You will have the opportunity to experiment with different media in order to explore your strengths and preferences. The main aim of the course is to develop your visual language skills.

How will I be assessed?

Unit 1 Coursework (60%)	Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment (Practical Exam -40%)
Internally set and marked.	Externally set theme and internally marked.
Each unit is assessed separately out of 80 marks. You will be assessed using 4 assessment objectives: create, improve, review/experiment, record, present.	



What can I do next with a GCSE in Art and Design?

There are many things you can do with a GCSE in art and design. If you are unsure about what to do next, the best thing is to speak to your art teacher who will know about the choices on offer.

On completion of your GCSE Art and Design course, you could progress to further education.

Courses at Level 3 include:

- BTEC Nationals in Art and Design
- the Diploma in Creative and Media
- GCE AS Art and Design.

If you choose to look for a job, you will have a portfolio of work that will evidence your ability to pursue a two-year GCSE course in art and design, covering different assignments and producing a range of work. There may be opportunities to work, for example, in local design offices, graphic companies and retail, or you may choose to be self-employed.