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Please note: You cannot take both GCSE Photography and GCSE Art & Design

This course is for students with a real enthusiasm for Art & Design and you must be able to work independently, to a deadline and think creatively.

Our GCSE Fine Art & Design course is flexible and stimulates creativity, offering a high degree of choice and a range of different media, processes and techniques. It enables students to explore a range of 2 or 3 dimensional approaches such as fine art painting and drawing, printmaking and sculpture.

The course incorporates field trips to create location based outcomes and visits to Art galleries to explore the work of artists, designers and photographers.

Assessment

GCSE Art & Design is structured so that 60% is a Portfolio of work (Coursework). Which includes at least one major project plus a selection of further work created through practical workshops. 40% is the Externally Set Assignment where Students respond to their chosen starting point from an externally set assignment paper giving a selection of themes. The assignment is approached like a portfolio project ending with 10 hours of supervised time.

The GCSE will be graded 9 – 1. Grade 9 will be the highest and equivalent of an A**.

Homework will be set every week and will support activities completed in lessons. This may include taking photographs, researching the work of artists and designers or developing coursework project outcomes.

Future Pathways/Careers:

Many students choose to study Art related creative courses of further study at local FE colleges and sixth Forms.

The UK's creative industries make a significant contribution to the global economy. But the creative industries offer so much more than economic success. They inspire us and enrich our lives.

There are 150+ creative related careers for example games design, advertising, architect, craft maker, industrial and product designer, 3D designer, fashion designer, textile designer, interior designer, garden designer, journalism, graphic design, film, video and radio work, performing arts, theatre designer.

