Art and Design (GCSE)

Information from the exam board can be found here.

Grades awarded: 9 – 1

Why study this subject?

GCSE Art and Design is great course for anyone with a passion for art and creativity. This course allows students of all ability to develop and explore skills in a wide range of 2D and 3D materials including ceramics, print-making, photography, drawing and painting. Throughout this course, students will gain understanding of historical and contemporary artists, crafts people, and designers. They will learn to plan and develop ideas based on their chosen themes; learn to present and communicate ideas fluently; and fully realise their intentions when creating final personal responses to each project.

What will I study in this course?

- Explore a range of skills, tools, and processes.
- Develop and refine ideas through investigating the work of artists.
- Experimenting with materials, techniques and processes.
- Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to the progress of work.
- Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions.
- Demonstrate understanding of visual language.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be a combination of portfolio work and an externally set assignment:

- Portfolio (60%): covering the four assessment objectives and completed during lesson time (ongoing assessment).
- Externally set assignment (40%): 10 hour supervised period, preceded by preparatory time (completed late in Year 11).

What will this qualification lead to?

Studying GCSE Fine Art can lead students to into further education studying an A-level, BTEC or Vocational course in a wide range of Art, craft and design-based courses. The skills gain in planning, designing, problem solving, visual communication and presentation are valuable transferable skills. Creative subject areas offer some of the most diverse range of opportunities. The skills gained in Art and Design are often listed in the top employability skills and 'in demand' skill areas.

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	A 'Food' themed project exploring the work of other artists and developing drawing, painting and photography skills	'Junk Food' theme developing ideas by exploring mixed media, printing, and 3D modelling skills	'Healthy Eating' theme developing ideas by exploring drawing, printmaking and ceramics
Year 10	Component 1: Portfolio of work – Project 1 researching a range of artists to develop ideas and contextual understanding	Developing ideas by exploring and experimenting with a wide range of drawing and painting materials, skills, and techniques	Refining ideas and creating a high-quality personal response to the project
Year 11	Component 1: Portfolio of work Rehearsal exam project	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment	Revision & Examinations

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