

ART AND DESIGN GCSE YEAR 12/13 Curriculum Map

Aims and Rationale:

At A-level, we offer an opportunity for students to embark on a comprehensive foundational course before making a choice between specialised paths in drawing, painting, or ceramics. This not only aids students in recognising their areas of expertise but also proves valuable when applying for post-A level programmes that demand a diverse portfolio.

These hands-on courses empower students to cultivate both their creative and intellectual abilities, fostering imaginative growth and opening doors to a wide range of future academic pursuits and career prospects in the field of Art and Design. Furthermore, it serves as a valuable complement to various other areas of study by instilling analytical thinking, creative problem-solving skills, and cultural awareness. Throughout the courses, students will explore relevant visual materials, artifacts, and resources within the realm of Fine Art, utilizing both traditional methods and digital techniques to produce their creative work.

Year 13	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
UNIT 3: In the Autumn Term, students will engage in a thoughtful review of their initial project and embark on a subsequent project with a new theme, designed to amplify their strengths and address any weaknesses. This theme will be based on the Personal Study essay written over the summer holiday. This project is designed as a practice or "dry-run" of the Externally Set Assignment component in February. Students will conclude the unit with a final piece created in a 15-hour mock exam. This work will go towards the student's coursework portfolio worth 60% of their GCSE (Unit 1, 2 and 3).			UNIT 4 (Externally Set Assignment 40%): In February Edexcel release the Externally Set Assignment. Students are given a theme and suggestions on how generate artwork in response. Students will produce another short project in their media of choice, following the same format and structure of Unit 3. The final piece is made in exam conditions over 15 hours (three days). This part of the course is highly independent and is led with deadlines and guidance from the teacher.	
Assessment: All work from Unit 1, 2 and 3 is due at the end of the Autumn term for formal grading by the teacher. Students will not be allowed to work on these units after this point. Assessed using Edexcel marksheet - mark out of 90 (72 marks for coursework worth 48% and 18 marks for essay worth 12%).		Assessment: Regular written and verbal feedback will be given for this unit. This feedback will be more general to encourage students to generate ideas independently. No feedback or support is permitted during the exam. After the exam students will not be allowed to work on this unit. This component will be assessed using Edexcel marksheet - mark out of 72.		