

ART & DESIGN

GCSE
qualification

Fine Art &
Photography



Creative people shape the world we live in. GCSE Art is the first step for careers in the creative industries such as advertising, fashion, architecture, interior design, stage and costume design, graphic and product design, textile design, photography and illustration. It is very useful for people who would like to take up visually creative work such as careers in hairdressing or beauty and people who would like to work with children.

GCSE Art is essential for you if you wish to take an art based course when you leave school as you will build up a portfolio of work which you will need at an interview.

Coursework makes up 60% of the grade. This is a project selected from work completed in Years 9, 10 and 11. The Externally Set Assignment makes up 40% of the grade and is completed in the Spring and Summer terms of Year 11.

All projects cover four assessment objectives, these are:

AO1: *Researching and being inspired by the work of artists and designers*

AO2: *Designing and experimenting with ideas and materials*

AO3: *Visual research in the form of drawings, photographs and collected images*

AO4: *An original artwork in response to the project theme*

GCSE **Fine Art** is a course where students can explore themes in a variety of visually exciting materials and techniques. Good drawing skills are not necessary for the course but will be advantageous to reach higher grades.

GCSE **Photography** uses digital media to explore themes in creative and original ways. It is a great course for artistic students who find accurate drawing more challenging. It is not necessary to have a camera for this course but it would be helpful to have access to a camera or camera phone outside of school.

During the courses there will be opportunities to visit galleries locally and further afield.

Grades will be awarded 9-1.