

# Art and Design

## What is this course about?

Art and Design is a practical subject area which requires the application of knowledge and understanding to develop original and creative art work as a response to a theme. Students are encouraged to research the work of other artists, designers and craftspeople, to experiment with materials and develop their own ideas to produce an original and final piece of work. Students develop their preparatory work in a sketchbook, which chronicles the development of their practical skills, thorough research, experimentation with materials and the development and refinement of their own personal ideas. Students are encouraged to work independently and the exam board allows flexibility so that everyone can work to their individual strengths and interests, whether it is painting and drawing, collage, sculpture, textiles, 2-D or 3-D design.

## What skills will students gain?

Increasingly we live in a world where visual literacy is an essential skill and this course will help enable students to develop the skills to respond to the wide variety of images that surround us. The course covers the development of practical skills using different materials and ways of working to respond to a given theme. In addition, all students are required to develop their critical skills by studying the work of other artists, designers and craftspeople from a variety of different cultures. Research skills are enhanced as students explore a given theme, collecting, creating and recording visual information to be used to inspire and inform their own ideas and to promote an original final outcome. By working through the design process, students are able to further their problem solving skills, creative thinking, presentational skills and the ability to work independently.

## What skills are needed?

The course is developed to cater for students of all levels of ability. However, a wide range of competencies are desired that include; creative thinking, time management, the ability to work independently and imaginatively, and a readiness to experiment and take chances.

Eligible students will have shown commitment to their work in terms of effort, have met deadlines and have a positive extended study record at Key Stage 3. It is essential, for you to gain the most satisfaction from the course for you to have a genuine interest in the subject.

## How is this course assessed?

### Break down of assessment between controlled assessment and exam:

**The Controlled Assessment:** 60% - the coursework is made up of two assignments. Each assignment lasts for two terms and is based on a specific theme. Coursework preparatory work is produced in sketchbooks or in a coursework folder, with a final outcome on a scale and in a medium of your choice. Assessment is based on four assessment criteria; development of ideas, refining ideas, recording ideas and presenting a personal response.

**The Exam:** 40% - the exam board set the assignment brief and students are allowed 8 weeks preparation time with teacher support. The final exam is for ten hours and is unaided.

**Qualification Received:** GCSE

**Grade Range:** 9 - 1

## What career or further education opportunities does this course lead to?

A GCSE in Art and Design will help students pursue higher education or careers in many creative and design related fields and far from being limited to employment in Fine Art or Art and Design could also lead into:

- Graphic Design
- Advertising
- Architecture
- Photography
- Interior design
- Fashion and textiles
- Web based design