

GCSE Art and Design

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What will I learn on this course?

A: You will learn loads of practical making skills, creativity and how to generate and develop ideas and really valuable skills in reading visual language. You will also learn skills and develop confidence in planning and self-directing a project.

Q: How is the course assessed?

A: 60% Coursework and 40% Exam project. You will be assessed against 4 different assessment objectives (see link to specification below)

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/ozvlt0g/eduqas-gcse-art-and-design-spec-from-2016-27-01-2020.pdf>

Q: What techniques can I try?

A: During foundation studies at the start of the course you will try new techniques in drawing, painting, printing, clay, digital media. Once you start coursework you can specialise in the areas you are most interested in.

Q: Will I have to look at Art I'm not really into?

A: You will control the direction of **your** coursework so the art you look at for inspiration will be art **you** select and are interested in.

Q: Will I have to do loads of writing?

A: You will have to keep a kind of journal commentary of your work as it progresses to explain your creative choices, experiments and planning – this will be fairly brief annotation work. You will have to research, investigate and write about the art you choose as relevant and inspiring to your coursework.

Q: How does the 10-hour end of course exam work?

A: Your end of course exam will be spread over two school days. You will have had 10 weeks to complete preparatory studies so will be very well prepared – the time goes quicker than you'd think!!