

ART AND DESIGN FINE ART GCSE

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COURSE OVERVIEW Students are studying EDUQAS Art and Design `Fine Art`

All students will gain a GCSE with a Fine Art endorsement.

Students will produce a portfolio of work as coursework, selected from a range of set project themes as well as completing an exam project.

Year 10

Students will complete skill building activities leading to a number of set project themes from which they will select work that shows evidence of meeting the assessment objectives. This work will be presented as a portfolio of evidence.

Year 11

All students continue with their candidate portfolio coursework projects up until Christmas of their Year 11 course.

Themes for coursework projects are set but still open to student interpretation and interests and will all contain: **Contextual Understanding** - Artist Reference, **Reflective Recording** - Observational drawings and digital ideas, **Creative Making** - Ideas and experimentation and **Personal Presentation** - a final piece of work.

EXAMINATIONS

From January of year 11 students will work on an art project selected from a number of choices produced by the exam board and will include the same assessment objectives contained in their coursework. The final piece for this project is produced under exam conditions over ten hours. The exam accounts for 40% of the final GCSE grade.

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Coursework projects are produced over 60% of classroom time. This time is under medium controlled conditions, meaning that teacher advice and guidance is allowed throughout this time. The Externally set assignment is given 40% of time.

REVISION

Revision will take the form of practice and preparation for coursework and exam projects for the Art and Design -`Fine Art`. Guidance will be given to all students during Year 10 that will assist them in meeting the exam board criteria.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD IN ART AND DESIGN

- Encourage your child to practice their art skills by drawing objects, copying pictures and drawing from their imagination.
- Encourage your child to try a range of different art materials and practice with these different types of paints, pastels and different types of pencils are a good foundation.
- Find out about your child's GCSE art project what theme it is based upon and what ideas they have for it.
- Take your child to Art galleries and museums to see works of Art first hand.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Visit the **EDUQAS Exam Board website** for detailed information on the course. Use the drop down menus to select GCSE, Art & Design.

http://edugas.co.uk/

The BBC Bitesize website offers excellent advice http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/art/

Students are encouraged to use the Art Department at lunchtimes to work on their tasks. They may also access the Art and Design PC Suite to aid in their research and analysis work.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Curriculum Area Leader of this subject should you wish to discuss the course.