

SUBJECT: ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN GCSE

EXAM BOARD: AQA

Course Description

Our new Art, Craft and Design qualification encourages you to find and develop your own artistic style and gives you the opportunity to immerse yourself in a wide range of creative 2D and 3D activities. Throughout the course your ideas will be recorded in sketchbooks as well as in your Art, Craft and Design portfolio and final pieces of work are regularly entered for local and national competitions as well as being exhibited throughout the year in school.

Topics Covered

Fine Art, textiles, fashion, photography, architecture, graphics, print and 3D artworks will be created in response to inspiring project themes that are set throughout the course. Year 9 provides a foundation for you to experiment widely with a range of materials, techniques and technology so that you are able to pursue an individual creative journey in years 10 and 11. Some of you may wish to specialise in one particular area of Art, Craft and Design at the end of year 9, for instance if your Textile work is really impressive you would be encouraged to make the most of this creative strength in years 10 and 11.

Exam Details

40% of the overall marks awarded for this subject are completed through an externally set exam which you will begin in January of year 11. This involves completing an exam sketchbook, over a 10-week period. At the end of this preparation time you will have 10 hours to complete a final piece of artwork over two days.

Coursework / Controlled Assessment Information

60% of the marks awarded in this subject takes the form of a coursework portfolio which is put together throughout years 9, 10 and part of year 11. You will be helped to put your portfolio together so that you show your ability to: Research the work of artists and designers (A01), Experiment (A02), Record (A03) and complete personal responses (A04).

Enrichment

Gallery visits are a regular feature of the course as are creative workshops run by arts education partners such as the Hepworth Wakefield, Leeds College of art and the Craft Council.

Progression Route/s

Many pupils go on to study Art at Leeds College of Art or local sixth forms as well as Notre Dame.