

ART (EXAM BOARD EDUQAS)

COURSE CODE C650QS

WHAT IS GCSE ART?

When you study Art at GCSE you develop your passion for enquiry, creativity and sense of self. The skills that you have learnt at KS3 will give you a firm basis to support this journey. You will learn through the investigation of a multitude of different art forms from more traditional ways of making art such as painting and drawing, to more experimental ways of working. By engaging critically with the work of others you will learn to be analytical and subjective. You will create work in and out of your sketchbook through the course.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

Students will engage with 2 themes one in year 10 and the other in year 11, these themes will then tie together to develop a considered and extensive final outcome. This work will account for 60% of the GCSE. In the January of year 11 you will be given an externally assessed theme this will form the final 40% of the grade. Although art is mainly a practical subject students will be expected to record their opinions and explain their decisions of how they made their work through written feedback. The course although diverse in content and ways of working does however, require a high level of drawing.

WHAT THEMES WILL BE STUDIED?

Previous topics have included Identity, Assembled, Location, Rural and Natural Forms. These can be subject to change and students should be ready to adapt to change if required

Techniques and subtopics:

- Analysing theirs and the work of artists, designers and craftspeople
- An ability experiment in a variety of media
- Valuing presentation and taking pride in outcomes by refining where necessary
- Develop their own ideas and part take in a creative journey
- An ability to create and develop a personal final response to themes

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

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Unit 1 - 2 coursework produced across Yr10 and Yr11. Classwork and homework included, 60% of final grade.

Unit 2 - Externally Set Assignment, 40%. Includes prep for the exam in the form of a sketchbook with a final piece being completed in exam conditions across a 10 hour time period

EXTRA INFORMATION

Students should above all have a passion for being creative, have an enquiring mind and be open to explore many possibilities. Art is time consuming subject and students must be willing to work to deadlines set out by the department and their teacher. To be proactive in their learning and open to criticism and take on-board feedback.

WHAT NEXT?

Art opens the doors to a lot of different pathways whether you simply want to go onto study at sixth form or at college you might be interested in some of the different career pathways available.

Try these for starters (there are many more): • Fashion design • Graphic design • Theatre designer • Animator • Video game designer • Illustrator • Museum curator • Photographer • Architecture • Product design • Textiles design • Ceramics • Advertising • Publishing • Interior design • Fashion and media journalism • Hair and make-up design • Retail design • Exhibition design • Jewellery design • Artist • Visual media • Teaching New technologies are creating a whole new range of courses where art is being used in innovative ways.

In a competitive job market having the ability to create and enquire can allow you to stand out of the crowd!

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