

Art and Design

Course Title: GCSE Unendorsed Art and Design
Exam Board: Edexcel

What will I learn?

GCSE Unendorsed Art and Design is a broad course which gives you the opportunity to experiment with a range of Art and Design disciplines. It is the first step to take for a career in a creative field. The course is taught by Miss Taylor and Mrs Beetson who are practising artists and designers.

You will:

- Develop a range of Art and Design skills, including painting, drawing, printmaking, lens based media, graphic design, illustration and textiles.
- Receive guidance on creative careers.
- Learn how to use digital media such as Photoshop and extend this use to your project work.

Students have benefited from visiting artists in the past, including printmaker Celia Nancarrow and Book Artist Simon Goode.

You will learn how to evaluate and analyse artworks both in the classroom and gallery setting. You will be taken on gallery visits to local and national galleries. We are planning a Year 10 and 11 trip to Florence in 2016.

This course encourages creative independence and individuality. You will receive one to one support and be increasingly expected to utilise independent learning skills.

How will I be assessed?

Coursework and exam.

Unit 1: 45 hour Art and Design Portfolio

Candidates will produce a portfolio of work in response to given starting points. This coursework element forms 60% of the total exam and may comprise a variety of outcomes including sketchbooks, mounted sheets and final outcomes.

Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment in Art and Design.

The Set Assignment will take the form of a written starting point. Students undertake investigations and development, with approximately 20 hours of informal supervision leading to a final 10 hour sustained focus, conducted under formal supervision.

The externally set assignment accounts for 40% of the final qualification.

The work should address all four Assessment Objectives, with a maximum of 20 marks for each Assessment Objectives.

Further Information

A selection of art media such as drawing pencils, and paints for use at home, a sketchbook, an A1 size portfolio will be needed. (Sketchbooks and portfolios are available through school.)