



GCSE Art & Design

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Welcome notes from the department



Mrs K Spinola

Head of Department

You will be taught by specialist teachers who are dedicated to your development as an artist.



Mr S George

You will have access to dedicated Art rooms where you will explore, research and gain an understanding in a range of media.



Miss C Whitmore

The course offers you the opportunity to study multiple disciplines, such as drawing, painting, digital, 3D, photography and textiles.

What to

You will have the opportunity to **investigate a range of artists, techniques and media**, such as painting, drawing, printing, 3D construction and photography. The department's programme of study is **taught by one of our experienced specialist staff** who will lead you through the course.

You will complete two coursework projects during Year 10 and 11. **Natural Forms, Portraits and Animals** are some examples of the themes that are studied.

In the second term of Year 11, you will complete a third project set by AQA, which is called the Externally Set Task. The coursework portfolio and Externally Set Task are assessed by our Art Department. **All of the portfolio work that you produce will contribute towards your final GCSE grade.**

The GCSE Art Course is entirely practical. You will learn a variety of techniques and processes as well as how to develop your own ideas in a creative and meaningful way. Home learning tasks will require you to undertake some independent research and present work smartly in your sketchbooks. The department provides lunchtime and after school clubs for

Why should I study Art?

No written exam!
You will instead be given
an externally set
assignment
i.e. to produce a
small body of work
in January (year 11),
with the deadline in May

No
essays
to do,
all work at
GCSE is
practical

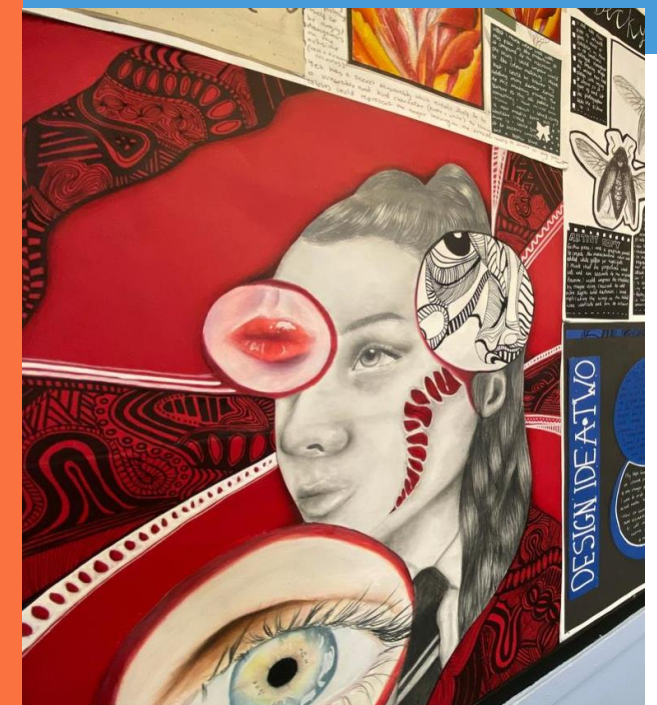


Discover
techniques you
are good at that
you might not
have tried
before.

Learn
exciting
new
techniques
and
processes



Work
independently
on your own
projects in a
calm and
inspiring
environment



Our Exam Results 2025

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GCSE Art & Design

Grade 7+ 62%

Grade 4+ 97%

Assessment

Examination Board:

AQA

Assessment:

1. Coursework Portfolio:

60% of total mark

2. Externally Set Task:

40% of total mark

Student must complete **both** components.

Component 1: Portfolio

What's assessed

A portfolio that in total shows explicit coverage of the four assessment objectives. It must include a sustained project evidencing the journey from initial engagement to the realisation of intentions and a selection of further work undertaken during the student's course of study.

How it's assessed

- No time limit
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

Non-exam assessment (NEA) set and marked by the school/college and moderated by AQA during a visit. Moderation will normally take place in June.

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Component 2: Externally set assignment

What's assessed

Students respond to their chosen starting point from an externally set assignment paper relating to their subject title, evidencing coverage of all four assessment objectives.

How it's assessed

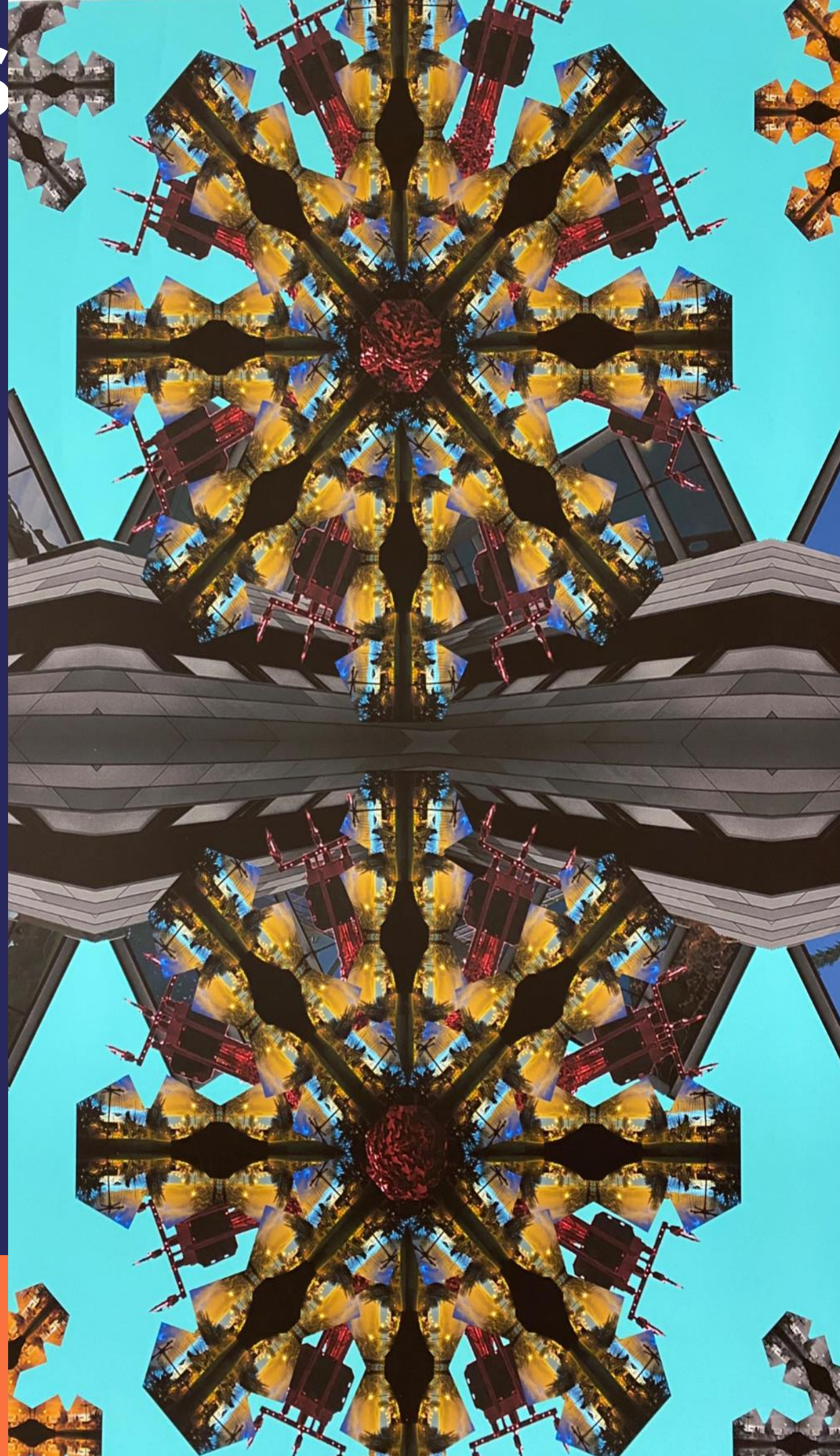
- Preparatory period followed by 10 hours of supervised time
- 96 marks
- 40% of GCSE

Non-exam assessment (NEA) set by AQA; marked by the school/college and moderated by AQA during a visit. Moderation will normally take place in June.

Career Paths

By studying GCSE Art & Design, you will develop your creativity, problem-solving skills, communication and teamwork skills.

It is a great complement to any other GCSE subject. Students become reflective learners and prepares students for future learning in a wide range of subjects. Whether you love photography, graphic design, painting or any other art-related speciality, career options are limited only by your imagination. Art education propels people towards creative and unexpected destinations – many of which have not even been discovered yet!



Architect
Furniture designer
Interior designer
landscape architect
Product designer
Toy designer
Urban designer
Art dealer
Art historian
Teacher
Museum Curator
Journalist
Ceramic Artist
Floral designer
Muralist
Portrait Artist
Painter
Sculptor
Cake decorator
Food stylist
3 D Animator
Book Illustrator
Cartoon Artist
Computer Animator
Graphic designer
Medical illustrator
Motion Graphic Designer
Multimedia designer
Game level designer
Video game director
Visual effects artist
Web designer
Costume designer
Playwriter
Set designer
Theatre director
Dressmaker
Fashion Consultant
Fashion designer
Jewellery designer
Makeup artist
Cinematographer
Film editor
Video editor
Photographer
Photojournalist
Advertising photography

