

## GCSE Art and Design

### Who is the course for?

This GCSE course is suitable for students who enjoy all forms of Art and Design. You will need to be able to communicate your ideas visually and be an imaginative and creative person.

### What are the entry requirements?

- Good attendance and punctuality and the ability to keep to deadlines.
- An interest in art and design with an imaginative and creative mind.
- Satisfactory drawing skills.
- Self-motivation and able to work independently.

### Course Aims:

The course will give pupils the experience of studying a wide range of art forms including traditional and modern techniques and the work of a wide range of artists, designers, craft makers and cultures. There will be opportunities to work with a variety of materials such as 3D, ceramics, computer manipulated images, photography, painting and drawing. Students will quickly gain the skills to work independently and students will be expected to carry out coursework tasks and research in their own time as well as in class.

### How is the course assessed?

- Component 1: Portfolio (Coursework) is 60% of the marks. This is started at the beginning of year 9 and is ongoing until Dec of year 11.
- Component 2: Externally set assignment (exam) which consists of a preparatory period followed by 10 hours of supervised time. This is 40% of the marks.

### Duration/Time

This is a 3 year course  
5 hours per fortnight

### What can I do at the end of the course?

A GCSE in Art & Design is a desirable qualification for a variety of careers. These include graphic designer, fashion designer, photographer, web designer, architect, theatre design, costume design, makeup artist, stylist, illustrator, landscape gardener, film & television and interior designer, to mention a few. It is also a useful qualification for other careers as it shows you are creative and compliments many other areas of studies such as Humanities, English and Science.

