

Section B—Options Choice Subjects

Art and Design

The course

Art and Design GCSE is an exciting and varied course engaging students in photography, drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, ICT and other media as a response to broad themes. Coursework is completed throughout the course. For the final exam in April/May of Year 11, students are required to express themselves using a range of media, in both two and three dimensions, forming a personal response. They are also expected to keep a sketchbook for each assignment, to show evidence of the development of their ideas to its final outcome, responding to and analysing work of any artists and designers who have connections with their own personal work.



The syllabus aims to give the students opportunities to develop:

- Practical skills to enable more advanced creativity and expression
- Independent investigation and analytical skills
- Cultural knowledge and understanding of art, design, media and technology
- Self-confidence, perseverance, self-discipline and commitment.

Owing to the nature of the subject and the large coursework element, in order to excel, students need to be committed throughout, have good organisational skills and a personal interest in Art to excel in this course.

Assessment

- Unit 1: coursework portfolio including two controlled assessments, sketchbook and sheets - 60%.
- Unit 2: completes the course with a controlled assessment in April/May Year 11. Final controlled assessment with sketchbook and/or sheets - 40%



Furthermore, throughout the course, students' work will regularly be given a mark by their teacher.

Marks will be given for the following: **collecting** ideas, **designing & making** artwork, **discussing, describing & assessing** your work, other students' work and the work of artists and designers; **developing** your work; **exploring and experimenting** with ideas and different materials; the use of **formal elements** line, colour, texture and shape.