

**COURSE TITLE: ART AND DESIGN**

**EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA**

### **Why study GCSE Art and Design?**

Studying GCSE Art and Design will develop your creativity and is a key qualification for entry to a wide range of careers in the arts.

### **What skills will I gain from studying GCSE Art and Design?**

You will learn to record from observation using drawing and photography, gathering visual information including studying work by other artists, designers and craftspeople. You will experiment with a range of art media leading to more resolved final pieces.

Painting and drawing, sculpture (including ceramics) printmaking, textile techniques, digital art/photography and applied design are some of the skills that can be developed.

### **What will I study?**

#### **GCSE Units of Work**

#### **Unit 1 – Portfolio (60%)**

All work carried out in Years 10 and 11 will count towards this element of the qualification. Unit 1 is a practical unit where a range of skills and techniques will be developed.

#### **Unit 2 – Externally Set Assignment (40%)**

A practical unit developing work on one of a choice of themes over 12 weeks culminating in a 10 hour final piece.

### **Homework Demands**

Homework is an integral part of the coursework assignments. It is extremely important that it is carried out to the best of each student's ability using the skills and methods developed in the classroom. Homework is always set in relation to the requirements of the coursework completed in class and is set and completed in an increasingly independent manner as the course proceeds.

### **How will I be assessed?**

All work will be assessed regularly throughout the course (with interim assessments giving clear targets to improve work before final deadlines).

Regular folder reviews help our students get the best grades in this area.

### **What level of support can I expect?**

The Art Department is open access and art staff are available to help with coursework issues every break and lunchtime. In addition a regular after school session runs throughout the year for students who wish to extend their learning.

### **What goes well in Art and Design?**

Studying GCSE Art will help to develop your creativity. Creativity is a key transferrable skill, and one which is increasingly prized by employers both within and outside the arts. Creativity means being inventive and imaginative – being prepared to take risks in order to access the full range of opportunities.

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### Where can Art and Design lead?

Art and Design is a key qualification for students wishing to study creative courses in higher education such as fine art, illustration, graphic design, fashion and textiles, photography, film and video and animation.

The research, creative and practical skills are broadly transferable and would complement more academic areas of study.

**For more information please contact: Mr Hardy or Mrs Black**

