



# GCSE Art and Design

GCSE EDEXCEL Examination board

## Description

A general Art course which covers a variety of skills, techniques and media. Students get the chance to work with materials and technology such as clay, wire, mod-roc, papier-mâché and photography, as well as painting with acrylics on large scale canvasses.

Art helps students to improve their presentation, develop skills in recording, researching and enhances their creativity. It enables them to make a personal response to their own experiences, environment and culture. Students will also learn how to critically evaluate their own work and that of others. This course is tailored made per student and allows you to develop your own creative pieces, with the guidance of your teacher. This approach allows you to develop much broader skills and prepares you for the A-level course the department offers.”

## Student Criteria

The nature of the subject allows for great flexibility. If students are worried that they will not achieve a high grade in Art just because they feel they cannot draw realistically, there are many other art forms they can use – such as collage, painting, photography, sculpture, graphic design, textiles, printmaking, ICT and ceramics. All students will find this an exciting and rewarding course.

## Assessment

There is no written exam for GCSE Art. Instead students are given a choice of a word students need to respond to, set by the exam board, and then have from the January on-wards in Year 11 to prepare for a final piece. The final piece is completed over 10 hours (2 days) in the Art room. Students follow the EDEXCEL Art and Design course and produce a portfolio of work for their coursework worth 60% and an external exam worth 40%.

## Progression

The course improves your problem solving skills, develops your initiative and independent thinking skills. It will allow you to progress on to the A-level course at Slough and Eton. Art is very important if you are considering a job in Architecture, Graphic Design, Game Design, Teacher, Sculptor, Fashion Designer, Animator and Multimedia Programmer to name just a few!!

## TOPICS THAT CAN BE COVERED:

- Landscape
- Still Life
- Portraiture,
- Abstract
- Students have the opportunity to choose their own topic

*As part of the Art course research is essential, so visits to museums and galleries are organised as*

### 60% Coursework

During your two year course you will complete three mini projects centered on a theme. You will create a sustained and focused portfolio investigating the theme which will result in a series of final pieces.

### 40% Exam

In January of your second year you will start your exam investigation. You will be given a theme by Edexcel and have 13 weeks to investigate it and prepare for a ten hour practical exam in which you will make your final piece.