

Frequently asked questions for Art

What will I be doing?

Throughout the GCSE you will complete a range of thematic projects, which will provide you with the opportunity to research a diverse range of practitioners, explore a broad range of arts based techniques and develop personal responses. These works will form your coursework and account for 60% of your final grade.

You will also complete a final project on a theme set externally by Edexcel. Within this project you will work towards a final outcome, which is to be completed under exam conditions at school over a period of 10hours. The externally set component accounts for 40% of your final grade.

I'm not very good at drawing but I like art, should I pick it?

Drawing is an important skill within the art GCSE but it is important to remember that like any other skill, your ability to draw will improve through practice. The more you practice the better you will get. Anyone and Everyone can become good at drawing if they put the hours in. It is also worth noting that there are many other skills you could explore within the GCSE such as printing, painting, photography and sculpture.

What personal qualities make a successful art student?

Creativity is important, passion is helpful, independence is also a key ingredient but without question, the most important quality for an art student is to be hard working. Art takes time to create and in order to fully realize your potential you will need to work very hard in lessons and outside of school. The good news is making art is fun!

How am I assessed?

-Coursework 60%

-Exam (Externally Set Component) 40%

Your work is initially graded by your teachers. We then moderate across the department to check that all teachers agree on the grades. Finally an external moderator from Edexcel visits the school, looks through the work and completes a final judgement on the grades we have assigned.



Do I complete an exam?

Of sorts yes, but it is not a written exam. The exam phase for art starts once you begin completing your externally set component and culminates with a 10 hour artwork created by yourself under exam conditions. There is no written exam.

What kinds of jobs/careers can art help me access?

There are too many jobs connected to an arts education to name them all, but here are a list of just some:

Artist, Illustrator, Sculptor, Ceramicist, Fashion Designer, Interior Designer, Art Historian, Art Curator, Graphic Designer, Animator, Architect, Web Designer, App Designer, Game Designer, Photographer, Storyboard Artist, Stylist, Gardener/Landscaper, Make Up Artist, Beautician, Furniture Designer, Film Maker, Textile Designer, Print Maker, Tattoo Artist and many many more...