

# Fine Art

GCSE AQA

## How is the course assessed?

### **Component 1 – Portfolio (Controlled Assessment) 60% weighting**

You will create a portfolio of work, developed in response to a broad theme. Students will research a range of artists and learn a variety of artistic techniques by developing compositions and drawings in the style of their chosen artist. This process will build their confidence to produce a unique and innovative final piece.

### **Component 2 –AQA Set-Assignment (Controlled Assessment) 40% weighting**

Candidates receive a set task paper in January (year 11) select one starting point. Preparation time of one term is given to research, plan and develop ideas and then a further 10 hours of supervised time in exam conditions to complete and produce the final outcome.

Each Unit of work is made up of observational drawings, photos, artist links, experimentations and using a variety of media, both 2D and 3D, consisting of initial designs, a final piece and evaluations.

## What students need to do to achieve:

Lesson time will focus on developing practical, investigative and intellectual skills through working with different materials, processes and technology. Students will develop their knowledge of artists and artistic movements. They will improve their ability in techniques such as painting, drawing, sculpture, print and mixed media work.

Students should complete at least 1 hour of work per week outside of lessons on homework tasks such as:

- Researching the work of artists, art movements and designers.
- Write up analysis and evaluations of their work as it progresses.
- Write up step-by-step explanations of processes, tools and techniques used to produce work as it progresses.
- Take photographs (primary research) to draw from.
- Visit galleries and exhibitions showing work of relevant artists and designers to gain inspiration for their own work.

## How parents / carers can help students:

Ensure that students are using their portfolio checklists and task/target sheets to improve or complete work to the highest quality standard possible line with their target grades.

Check that students spend a minimum of 1 hour per week on their portfolio to record their progress.

## Who is it for?

You should choose this course if:

- you enjoy all aspects of art including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture and mixed media.
- you spend your time sketching, designing, painting and exploring a variety of art techniques and skills.
- You are interested in artists/art movements and you like to visit art galleries and exhibitions.
- you are self-motivated, imaginative, creative and prepared to work hard by putting the extra hours as required.
- You can accept criticism and act on it, in order to improve, develop and produce work to meet high standards.

## Progression

The course provides an excellent progression route into A-level Art and other design subject qualifications. You will develop essential knowledge and creative skills, which will be of great benefit in a variety of future careers.

