

GCSE Art & Design: Graphics & Textiles



Course Content:

GCSE Art & Design: Graphics & Textiles is a creative and practical subject. You will develop a range of skills in response to the work of artists and designers whilst working to a design brief. You will experience a range of workshops to learn skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, digital editing and fabric manipulation to name but a few. We offer a range of industry standard facilities such as sublimation printing, Adobe Photoshop and laser cutting. A highlight of the course is our annual trip to London to visit the V&A museum and Tate modern. We also offer visits into Manchester for research and to view the Manchester Metropolitan University degree show each summer.

Skills needed and developed:

You will need to develop a comprehensive portfolio showing large amounts of developments, studies and ideas. In order to do this, you must be:

- Creative – Graphics & Textiles is as much about ideas as it is about the skills to translate them into a final piece. You must be able to work independently and have creative ideas.
- Resilient – In Graphics & Textiles there are no set answers, you **create** them.
- Dedicated – There is a lot of work to do, you must be committed to your studies in school and at home.

Assessment Methods:

Unit 1 Portfolio (60%): You will create a portfolio of work over 2 years in response to a range of Art & Design briefs. There are no time constraints when creating your portfolio, however there will be strict deadlines. You have to show you have met the 4 Assessment Objectives which require you to work through a comprehensive project from brief, ideas, exploration, development and final personal response.

Unit 2 Externally Set Task (40%): In January of Year 11 you will be given a range of externally set tasks from the exam board. You will need to respond to your chosen brief through the same Assessment Objectives as Unit 1. You will have 10 hours to create your final response, supported by preparatory time.

Qualification gained at completion of the course:

You will achieve a single award GCSE in Art, Craft & Design

Possible Pathways and Careers:

Fashion / Retail / Art / Design / Media / Fabric Design / Interior Design / Photography / Art Direction / Art History / Illustration and many more. Art & Design courses give you the opportunity to develop creative thinking skills which can be applied to any career path and give you an appreciation and understanding of our visual and man-made world.