

# GCSE Art, Craft & Design

*(A choice of three main areas of focus)*



Course content:

The Art, Craft & Design GCSE course is designed to introduce pupils to a broad range of practices across the arts. Over the two years, pupils will study a number of small workshops and extended projects. They must cover at least two of the following areas: Fine art / Graphic communication / Textile design / Three-dimensional design / Photography. Pupils will look at a range of themes across each area such as: Manchester / Architecture / Still Life / Portraiture.

When opting, you will choose to focus on one of the following areas, *though you will have the opportunity to look at other areas stated above.*

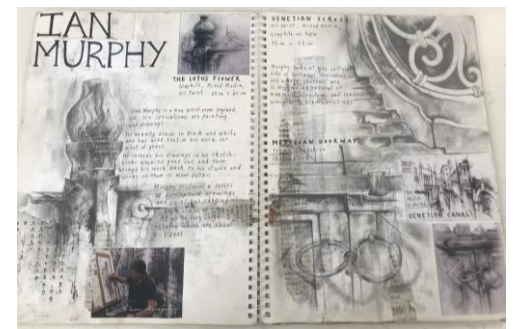
- Art, Craft & Design – **3D Design & Graphics**

A focus on 3D sketching, modelling and making in the workshop and Graphic communication using hand-drawn and digital developments. You will study a range of Graphic Designers and Artists with a 3D focus. Work will be developed in sketchbooks, through photography and digital presentations to develop a response to a final piece. Other areas of Art & Design can also be explored.



- Art, Craft & Design – **Fine Art & Photography**

A focus on observational drawing, sketching, painting and photography. A more traditional approach to Art & Design. Working in sketchbooks as a response to artists, designers and photographers to inspire your own ideas and final outcomes. Other areas of Art & Design can also be explored.



- Art, Craft & Design – **Graphics & Textiles**

A focus on Graphic communication & Textiles using hand-drawn and digital developments. Working in sketchbooks and using hand and machine sewing and textiles to create a final outcome in response to a brief. You will use the work of Graphic Designers and Artists with a textiles focus to develop your own responses. Other areas of Art & Design can also be explored.



### 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** – Art, Craft & Design is as much about ideas as it is about the skills. You must be able to work independently and have creative ideas. You will explore ideas using a range of drawing, painting, modelling, printing & photography skills.
- **Resilient** – In Art there are no set answers, you **create** them.
- **Dedicated** – There is a lot of work to do, you must be committed to your Art, Craft & Design studies, both in the classroom, and at home. All of your coursework counts towards your GCSE.

### Assessment Methods:

**Unit 1 Portfolio (60%):** You will create a portfolio of work over two 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. There is no written exam for this course.

### Qualification gained at completion of the course:

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### Possible Pathways and Careers:

Art / Design / Media / Graphic Design / Fashion / Marketing / Interior Design / Photography / Art Direction / Art History / Media / Engineering / Illustration and many more. Art, Craft & Design gives 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 world.