

GCSE Art, Craft & Design



Course Content: The GCSE Art, Craft & Design course offers students a chance to explore a variety of art practices over two years. Key areas of study include Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Textiles, and Photography. Students will work on both small workshops and extended projects, exploring themes like Manchester, Architecture, Still Life, and Portraiture. The course focuses on traditional art techniques such as drawing, sketching, painting, and photography, while also encouraging the use of other mediums like textiles and graphics (e.g., Photopea work).

Skills Developed:

- **Creativity:** Students will develop ideas using various techniques like drawing, painting, modeling, printing, and photography.
- **Resilience:** There are no set answers in art; students will learn to overcome challenges and refine their work.
- **Dedication:** Success in this course requires commitment, both in the classroom and through independent work at home. The coursework contributes significantly to the final grade.

Assessment Methods:

- **Unit 1 Portfolio (60%):** Over the two years, students create a portfolio in response to various Art & Design briefs. The portfolio must show development, exploration, and a personal response, and students must meet four Assessment Objectives.
- **Unit 2 Externally Set Task (40%):** In Year 11, students choose a task from a set of externally set briefs, responding in the same way as in Unit 1. This includes 10 hours of focused work, supported by preparatory time, and no written exam.

Qualification gained at completion of the course:

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Possible Careers & Pathways: The skills developed in this course are applicable to various careers such as Art, Design, Media, Graphic Design, Fashion, Marketing, Interior Design, Photography, Art Direction, Art History, Illustration, and more. The course promotes creative thinking, a valuable asset for many career paths.