

# GCSE Art and Design

## Why do Art and Design for GCSE?

Learning through and about the arts enriches the experience of studying while at school as well as preparing students for life after school. Art encourages self-expression and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity. The transferable skills you'll gain, such as creativity, analysis and problem solving, complement a range of other subjects and careers. If you enjoy being creative, want to increase your practical skills and improve your analytical, communication and research abilities, art and design is a great choice.

## What do you learn about art?

You will explore a variety of artists, art processes and materials such as drawing, painting, printmaking, two & three-dimensional design, and digital art. Student artwork will reflect aesthetics & cultural and historical contexts.

You will develop knowledge and ability in a broad range of practical skills using different materials and processes.

The CCEA GCSE Art and Design specification places an emphasis on drawing, and on understanding and applying the design process. It encourages students to engage with the creative and cultural industries, and offers a broad and flexible content, allowing students to pursue a range of creative pathways.

Students have the opportunity to develop their critical understanding through a range of investigative, analytical and experimental skills. They then develop and refine their ideas with increasing independence.

This qualification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills developed through the Area of Learning, The Arts and the Cross-Curricular Skill of Using ICT.

## The specification has two components:

### Component 1: September 2023– December 2024 60% (5 lessons p/w)

It comprises a body of work inspired by a theme or topic consisting of a wide variety of media, processes, techniques and outcomes in 2d and 3d.

#### Part A: Exploratory Portfolio

#### Part B: Understanding the Creative and Cultural Industries



### Component 2: Externally Set Assignment. January – March/April 2025 40%

The exam takes the form of a stimulus paper. Each student has 8-10 weeks to complete and present preparatory work and a final outcome based on either an idea suggested in the exam paper or the student's own idea based on the set theme.

**FINAL MODERATION & EXHIBITION: In May of Year 12 all work is displayed for moderation by the examining board CCEA.**



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The CCEA GCE Art and Design specification develops in-depth knowledge and understanding of art and design through research and practical activities, intellectual capabilities, and independent approaches to learning.

**This specification is available at two levels: AS and A2.**

Students can take the AS units plus the A2 units for a full GCE A level qualification. They can also choose to take the AS course as a stand-alone qualification.

In the AS units, students develop their creative process in response to a theme. They explore concepts, and develop knowledge, skills and techniques, including drawing. They present a portfolio and resolve their learning into a personal response.

Students who continue to A2 undertake a more focused investigation based on a given theme. This takes the form of both written and practical investigations, which are followed by producing a resolved outcome.

**The specification has four units:**

- **Unit AS 1: Experimental Portfolio**
- **Unit AS 2: Personal Response**
- **Unit A2 1: Personal and Critical Investigation**
- **Unit A2 2: Thematic Outcome.**

**Art and design opens the door to lots of exciting careers**

**Try these for starters:**

- Fashion design
- Graphic design
- Theatre designer
- Animator
- Video game designer
- Illustrator • Museum curator
- Photographer
- Architecture
- Product design
- Textiles design
- Ceramics
- Advertising
- Publishing
- Interior design
- Fashion and m
- Hair and make-up design
- Retail design • Artist
- Exhibition design • Teaching
- Jewellery design • Visual media

