

GCSE Art and Design

Why do Art and Design for GCSE? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgiTX4RK528>

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 Year 11 – December Year 12 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 Year 12 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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Everyman-made object we see around us has been designed and as fashion, styles and technology continue to change, the opportunities for young people in a wide variety of art or design related jobs are increasing

Art & Design is an excellent choice for a growing number of students. Here are a few reasons why:

1. The internet has created an explosion of opportunity for digital designers and multimedia artists.
2. Fine Artists can reach a worldwide market at the click of a button and those with a wide skill set have an advantage, in any career.
4. Studying Art improves performance in other subjects.
5. Good marks impress, no matter what and coursework teaches you self-discipline.
6. You do not have to choose Art at GCSE because you want a career in the Arts. Many students have studied this subject to A Level and went on to study for example, Medicine, Law and Pharmacy. A Level Art & Design can contribute and afford you the opportunity to gain points and access to university.

Whether you're a architect or creating cutting edge art as a fine artist, the one thing that all jobs in this family have in common is creativity. So if you're an ideas person and you like creating things that are useful and visually appealing.

Art and design opens the door to lots of exciting careers

Try these for starters:

Airbrush artist/ Advertising

Animator / Art Teacher

Architectural technician

Architect/ Art therapist

Body piercer/ Tattooist/ Cartoonist



Ceramicist

Costume designer

Design engineer

Exhibition designer

Fashion designer

Fine artist

Illustrator

Graphic Designer

Interior designer

Jewellery designer

Make-up artist

Medical illustrator

Naval architect

Photographer

Print-makers

Product designer

Prop maker/ Set designer

Sign writer/ Stonemason

Sculptor

Textile designer

Visual merchandiser

Web/ Video Games Designer

