

# GCSE Art and Design

## Why study Art and Design?

This is a creative subject which complements and balances many other subjects in the curriculum. The opportunities in art and design are vast and most employers see creative thinking as a key skill. Whether you want to explore the idea of working in film, fashion, graphic design or fine art this GCSE course would suit you.

## What will I study?

The course is based on the development of the individual's creative skills, visual awareness and imagination. Each area of study enables the student to work on a wide range of themes, allowing them to explore different techniques and materials. We encourage students to visit galleries, museums and places of interest to make links with the work of other artists, crafts persons and cultures to develop visual links and knowledge.

The course is set over two years and within that time-frame each student would be expected to produce a portfolio of work. This will focus on two main areas of study, with supporting sketch books and a final 10 hour examination in Year 11.

## How will Art and Design benefit me?

- A GCSE in a creative subject
- The opportunity to develop technical skills in a variety of media
- Visual awareness
- Knowledge of a wide range of artists, movements and cultures
- Confident approach to problem solving and risk taking
- Transferable skills
- Careers in fine art, graphic design, illustration, fashion, sculpture, photography and architecture.



### ASSESSMENT

#### Component 1: Portfolio (60%)

Portfolio containing one sustained project and further works. Students choose their own project with guidance.

#### Component 2: Externally set assignment (40%)

An externally set task with a set period of preparation. Students sit a 10 hour examination at the end of the preparation period.