



OPTION SUBJECT GCSE ART

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Examination Board	AQA – Graded 1 - 9

Have you ever wondered why so many creative people are successful in many different walks of life?

Creativity isn't only about pursuing artistic interests; it can also open the door to exciting career opportunities. Whether it's in the arts, in the public or private sector, or starting your own business, creativity, artistic flair and good design are key factors which underpin success.

Art and Design is a form of communication and a way of expressing your ideas and feelings. It is a practical based subject, which deals with visual understanding and aesthetic qualities. Our course in Fine Art promotes personal expression, imagination, sensitivity, conceptual thought, powers of observation and practical skills.

Our course allows for a wide range of ability and experience, though pupils should realise that the demands of the course are extensive and a genuine commitment to your work is required. Regular homework and independent personal work and research are also part of upper school work.

The course content is largely externally set by the examination board and marked by the Art staff in the school. It is then moderated by representatives of the exam board, AQA. At present all assessment is divided into two component parts:

Coursework	60% of the total marks
Examination	40% of the total marks

The examination paper is given to pupils at the beginning of January in Year 11, prior to the examination to allow time for planning and the preparation of study sheets. The exam is 10 hours in length sometime early May.

Skills students develop:	Is this the right course for me?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· creativity· imagination· research· investigation and experimentation· the development of ideas from first-hand experience	<p>It is if you enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· developing your visual skills· being creative, enthusiastic and imaginative· visits to galleries, museums, workshops and studios· experimenting and taking risks with your work

Taking both Art and Photography is at the discretion of the department.