

# AQA

## GCSE Art & Design



### Why should I study GCSE Art & Design?



- You enjoy all aspects of art and design.
- You have sound drawing skills
- You want to print, model & sculpt in different materials, paint and use some textiles skills.
- You enjoy practical work.
- You want to study an art/design course at college.
- You have imagination and ideas

### What will I study?

#### Year 10



You will explore a range of materials, techniques and processes in response to a range of artists and designers. The theme for this year will be Beneath the Surface and you will learn how to present work, improve drawing, painting, printing, 3D, textiles and much more. This collection of work will contribute to 'Component 1' which is 60% of your grade.

#### Portfolio (starts at Easter in Year 10)

This body of work is based on the theme 'I, Me, Mine' and is a big sustained project which forms the rest of component 1. You will develop skills learned earlier in the course to build a body of work which includes recording, contextual links and experimenting with media. This work will be finalised with a personal response you have created in any media you choose which relates to the set theme and links all your project work together.

#### Externally set task (starts January in Year 11)

Students will develop a project from a choice of themes on the exam paper and work towards their final outcome which is done in a 10 hour exam. This is 'Component 2' of the course and the remaining 40% of the grade.

### How will I be assessed?



#### **Component 1 – Collection of year 10 work and Portfolio 60%**

A portfolio of work developed under controlled assessment.

#### **Component - Set task 40%**

Pupils have 12 weeks to prepare for a ten hour exam based on a selected starting point.

### Which skills will I develop and use?

Students are taught to:

- Draw in a variety of materials and methods
- Use a range of media to explore themes and ideas
- How to print, paint properly and work in textiles and 3D.
- Analyse the work of existing artists
- Research and use visual presentation skills



### How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?

The study of this course could lead to any of the following: National Diploma in Art and Design; Foundation courses; A Level Art, Graphics, Textiles, Product Design; and a wide range of Art and Design degrees (fashion, jewellery, web design, game design, set design, illustration, graphics, textiles, furniture, architecture etc)

**Everything you own is designed by someone who started with GCSE Art!**

