

Art (Fine Art)

GCSE

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Examination Board:	AQA
Assessment:	60% Coursework, 40% Examination

Why should I study this subject at Key Stage 4

There are many reasons to study art. Careers in the creative industry are one of the biggest growing sectors in the UK. Studying Fine Art gives students opportunities for self-exploration and self-expression, the chance to broaden horizons, build mental focus, physical dexterity and resilience.

What does the course involve?

Students who chose Fine Art are keen to continue their creative journey and to learn more about art and art practices by experimenting with a wide range of materials, media and techniques. Students should be self-motivated and have the ability to work independently and to meet deadlines.

Over the two years students will produce work on two/three given topics or themes which will make up your 'Personal Portfolio' worth 60% of your final GCSE.

During the course you should expect to develop your art and design skills further through drawing, painting, printmaking and mixed media. You must show an understanding of historical and contemporary art work and be able to express yourself verbally and visually, as well as through written documentation in your sketchbook.

Throughout your Fine Art journey you will research and analyse the work of others and use this to inform the development and refinement of your own ideas, leading to creative personal responses to the sources you have studied.

You will have a final project to undertake in Year 11 which is your 'Externally Set Assignment' and equates to 40% of your final grade; 10 hours of which you will use to produce a final outcome under controlled conditions.

Differences from Year 9

The GCSE will require a more individual and self-motivated approach. You will often be asked to collect research through drawing, making studies and taking photographs for homework.

Skills developed

A wealth of creativity, experimentation, self-evaluation and review will be seen as you develop your artistic pieces and portfolio. Your technical skills in a wide range of artistic techniques will also grow through the course.