



Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum and Option Subjects

Art GCSE

All students follow the OCR GCSE specification. The art faculty consists of a strong enthusiastic team of staff who are proud of the way in which they help students to achieve their best work. They instil confidence, enthusiasm and self-worth into students, building good relationships, alongside striving for high achievement.

Students often believe they require a natural ability to study art but this is not the case and all of the skills required can and will be taught to them as in any other subject. All that is required is that they enjoy art! Our results reflect the fact that we are able to find students individual strengths and utilise them, to help them achieve their true potential in this highly successful subject.



Course Content

At the start of Year 9 students will embark on studies that will introduce them to a range of materials and techniques. They will become familiar with the assessment objectives of the GCSE and how to design and produce a well-balanced project. The emphasis is on personalised learning and as such students will be confident and competent when embarking on their GCSE work.

Students will be required to produce one coursework project over a 15 week period. The project consists of development of preparatory work, artist research and a final piece in a chosen media such as painting, collage, drawing or sculpture. All of the 4 assessment objectives will be covered in this project.

Students will also be required to complete a controlled unit based on an examination question provided by OCR. In response to a given starting point and the four assessment objectives students will complete preparatory, research, and developmental work, leading to a final piece. They will have up to 12 weeks to prepare for the examination in this subject.

Progression

The course offers progression to A level fine art or BTEC Level 3 courses. Many professions require artistic skills, such as graphic design, fashion design, architecture and fine art.

Assessment

All work is internally assessed and then externally moderated. The final grade awarded is achieved from a combination of course work (60%) and the controlled assessment examination (40%).