

Curriculum information for Art Year 11

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA GCSE Art and Design (Fine Art)
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	September Year 10 to January Year 11 Students will produce a directed project from a single starting point. January Year 10 to January Year 11 Students will produce an Independent Project from a limited number of starting points/themes. Within each project students must demonstrate the ability to: • develop their ideas through investigations informed by selecting and critically analysing sources • apply an understanding of relevant practices in the creative and cultural industries to their work • refine their ideas as work progresses through experimenting with media, materials, techniques and processes • record their ideas, observations, insights and independent judgements, visually and through written annotation, using appropriate specialist vocabulary, as work progresses • use visual language critically as appropriate to their own creative intentions and chosen area(s) of study. • use drawing skills for different needs and purposes, appropriate to context • realise personal intentions through sustained application of the creative process This represents 60% of the total GCSE mark
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	In January of Year 11, students will receive the exam paper from the exam board. They will develop a project/theme of work which will culminate in them making a final piece of work in the 10-hour exam. This will take place the week after/before the Easter holidays. This represents 40% of the total mark.
What should students be focusing on?	Students should be focusing on ensuring that all deadlines are met, and that the coursework is as high a quality as they can possibly make it. Art takes time to make; it needs time to make it good.
What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?	Promote a sense of resilience within your child to continually improve their work. Too often students see projects that are just a series of tasks. To achieve top quality marks, top quality work that has been continually improved is essential.
What websites and resources would be helpful?	https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z6hs34j

What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-sketchbook-ideas#sketchbook-contents https://www.studentartguide.com/
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	'Art takes time to make, put the time and effort in and it pays off!' 'Don't just rely on working in the classroom, you need to work at home as well!'