

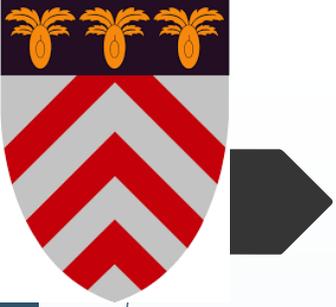
GCSE Fine Art

The GCSE Fine Art course is designed for those pupils who wish to extend and develop their studies in Art and Design. We follow the AQA Fine Art course which allows you to produce practical and critical/contextual work in one or more areas including drawing and painting, mixed media, sculpture, printmaking and photography.

The course has two components - a portfolio of work and an externally set task (examination). The coursework component is a portfolio selected from work undertaken during years 10 and 11 and must include more than one project. It accounts for 60% of the final mark. Areas of study include drawing and painting from direct observation, imaginative and expressive work.

The externally set task takes place at the end of the course. Students have three months in which to prepare and fill a sketchbook with their response to a chosen title and then have 10 hours under exam conditions to complete a final piece. This accounts for 40% of their final grade.

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Frequently asked questions

Assessment

Both components are examined by the centre and assessed by an external moderator. The 4 Assessment Objectives are equally weighted:

AO1: Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources.

AO2: Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.

AO3: Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses.

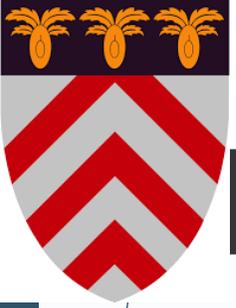
AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.

Skills and commitment

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How can I find out more information about the course?

Speak to your Art teacher at the end of the lesson with any questions you have. We are happy to help and support you during this choice. Booking an appointment with your Art teacher on parents evening would be an excellent opportunity to talk about this in greater detail.



Student feedback

Why choose GCSE Art?

- It's great to be able to do something creative!
- I really enjoyed the relaxed nature of the subject, it wasn't so intense.

What's the most interesting thing you learn about on the course?

- Learning more about how to apply ideas and meaning to art.
- Understanding that there are so many different ways to be creative and make art.

What do you like about the subject?

- I enjoy doing practical and learning in greater detail about Art history.
- I like working independently creating personal, meaningful work.

Do you do any trips?

- In Year 10 we make a trip to a major London Art Gallery to explore art in real life – An invaluable resource for research and inspiration.