

Art, Craft and Design & Photography

GCSE

Edexcel

This course enables you to study art, craft, design and digital photography for one year as two options of GCSE (Art and Design and Photography). The work will include both theory and practice but the emphasis will be on your own creative use of art, design and photography, based on practical assignments. The course gives learners the opportunity to study Art, Craft, Design, and Digital Photography and gain a broad knowledge and understanding of, and develop skills in, art, craft and digital design aspects of the creative industries.

Course Structure

Component 1: Portfolio of work This is a selection from all the coursework you have produced and it must include one or more final outcomes.

Component 2: Externally Set Task This consists of one project set by the examining board. You will be given a theme as starting point. You will research artists, designers and photographers with whose work you wish to make connections and you will use your findings as inspiration to develop own ideas for a final outcome which you will produce during 10 hours under examining conditions.

Skills & Knowledge

Through practical work you will explore a variety of materials and techniques and ways they can be used to produce drawings, paintings, designs and prints including digital photographs as well as mixed media pieces.. Theoretical work will include a study of the way colour, line, tone, shape and texture can be used to enhance art and design. You will study the work of other artists, craft workers and designers and learn how to use the digital camera and its controls, how to use a computer to modify images, how to use the visual elements in photography and how to effectively present your work. You will develop your ability to discuss and make judgments about your own work and those of others.

Assessment

Throughout the course you will be kept informed about your level of achievement, your progress, and the grade you can expect if you continue to work as you are doing. At the end of the course both components will be marked by your teacher and moderated by the examining board. Component 1 will contribute 60% and Component 2 40% to your total mark.

Opportunities & Enrichment

During the course you will have opportunities to participate to visits to museums and galleries, exhibit your work in the annual art show and attend enrichment clubs that will broaden your understanding of both art history and theory and of practical techniques and processes.

Future Careers & Pathways

Completing these two GCSEs will enable you to progress to L3 Art & Design courses in WMSF or elsewhere i.e. L3 BTEC Diploma in Art & Design, A Level Photography, A Level Art. YOU can also progress to L3 courses in other subject areas such as Media, Humanities, IT.