

Fine Art GCSE

Exam Board: AQA
Course Code 8202

Fine Art course overview

This course will enable you to gain the skills and techniques necessary to create a rich and diverse portfolio of artworks. You will investigate and experiment with a wide range of media in order to express yourself through a number of techniques including drawing and paintings. From your personal research you will be encouraged to develop your own individual style that will lead to a final artwork that will become the main focus of your final exhibition. Throughout the course, you will be encouraged to demonstrate initiative and curiosity, to be visual thinkers and creative problem solvers. The study of history and theory of art is essential in developing your understanding of how fine art works on several levels.

How is the course assessed?

Component 1 – Portfolio (Controlled Assessment) 60% of the GCSE

You will create a portfolio of work, developed in response to a broad theme. You will research a range of artists and learn a variety of artistic techniques by developing compositions and drawings in the style of your chosen artist. Hopefully, this process will help build your confidence when producing a unique and innovative final piece.

Component 2 - AQA Set-Assignment (Controlled Assessment) 40% of the GCSE

You will get a set task paper in January (year 11) and choose one starting point. Preparation time of one term is given to research, plan and develop ideas and then you have a further 10 hours of supervised time under exam conditions to complete and produce your final outcome.

Is this course for you?

You should give this course serious consideration if:

- You enjoy all aspects of art including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture and mixed media.
- You spend your spare time sketching, designing & painting
- You are self-motivated, imaginative, creative and prepared to work hard.
- You can accept criticism and act on it, to improve, develop and produce work to meet high standards.

What could this course lead to?

The course provides an excellent progression route onto A-level Art & Design and other related courses and career paths including Product Design, Graphics, Textiles, Illustration, Architecture, even Art Psychology due to current mental health issues. You will develop essential knowledge, creative skills and confidence.

Who can I contact for further advice or support?

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