

Art & Design

AQA GCSE



Penwortham Girls'
High School

Introduction: GCSE Art & Design is for creative students who enjoy exploring artists work, experimenting with media and recording ideas through drawing and annotations. The Art & Design course is very similar to GCSE Photography and is assessed in the same format. Through sketchbook work, you will be required to research artists, trial different media techniques, annotate ideas as work progresses and be keen to complete creative tasks both in and out of the classroom. Click here for further information:

<https://gmorris85penworthamgirls.weebly.com/about-gcse-art--design.html>

Description of the course: AQA GCSE Art & Design (Unendorsed) 8201/C 8201/X

The course is divided into two Components: Component 1 **Portfolio of Work** and Component 2 **Externally Set Assignment**. Although there is no written examination in this course you will be expected complete written work throughout both Components. In the **Portfolio of Work** you will be expected to complete 2 projects; the Teacher Led Project and the Extended Project. The **Externally Set Assignment** is a series of 7 questions in which 1 is selected and explored over 3-4 months. This is then followed by a 10 hour practical assessment.

How you will learn:

You will learn how to develop your creative skills by using a variety of different media, learning new techniques and taking risks. You will enhance your visual communication skills through the use of sketchbooks and further developmental studies. Researching the work of artists is an integral part of your learning and forms a primary source of inspiration. Visiting Galleries and experiencing Art workshops also form an important part of Art education at GCSE level.

Assessment:

GCSE Art & Design consists of a **Portfolio of Work 60%** and an **Externally Set Assignment 40%**. There is no written examination to the course. Both areas of the GCSE will provide opportunities for students to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of their creative journey skills and subsequent investigations. You will be provided with the External Set Assignment paper in January of Year 11 and select 1 of the 7 questions to analyse. Following a 3-4 month preparatory period, a 10 hour practical examination concludes the course in early May.

Using this qualification:

Creativity is a generic skill that is useful in a wide range of contexts and careers. Progression routes for the course can be 'A' Level Art and Design and Btec National Diploma in Art and Design. Potential career options beyond this could be animator, architect, beautician, ceramicist, curator of Art galleries/museums, fashion designer, fine artist, graphic designer, illustrator, jewellery designer, hairdresser, interior designer, landscape designer, photographer, printer/reprographics, product designer, shoe designer, theatre and film set designer.

Subject Leader: Miss Morris / Mrs Gerrard