



## ART AND DESIGN

AWARDING BODY: AQA

QUALIFICATION: GCSE

AVAILABLE: ALL STUDENTS

### COURSE OUTLINE

**This is a single option, which will count as one GCSE at the end of the course. It is taught for 5 hours over the two-week timetable. This course has a vocational approach to study and is most suited to students who prefer practical assignment-based work.**

- To relate what is learned directly to the world of work.
- To improve learning skills.
- To improve performance through practical design processes.
- To improve problem-solving skills.
- To work productively and co-operatively with others.
- To develop the skills and approaches needed in the Art and Design workplace.

There are 4 units to cover over the two years, 2 mandatory and 2 optional. These are

- Introduction to specialist pathways in Art and Design
- Creative project in Art and Design (externally assessed unit)
- Communicating ideas in 2D
- Communicating ideas in 3D

This subject is most suitable for students who have:

- Very good attendance and an acceptance that all aspects of each unit will need to be completed, as it is not possible to pass if pieces are missing.
- A willingness to learn and an interest in learning through practical work in Visual Art.
- A willingness to work in a variety of 2D and 3D ways.
- The ability to develop ways of communicating visually and orally.
- The ability to evaluate and document work.

### Course requirements:

Students are required to have achieved a Level 5 at the end of Key Stage 3 to be able to cope with the rigorous demands of this course.

A3 sketchpad per unit – these can be purchased from the school office; drawing and painting materials

Students will need to visit an art gallery or museum during this course.



## ASSESSMENT METHOD

BTEC First Award in Art and Design is a 4 unit qualification equal to an award of 1 GCSE at grade C and above. Three units will be internally assessed and moderated and one unit will be externally assessed as an exam unit. The four units will be studied over the two years and each unit will be assessed by a coursework assignment. All coursework is collected in a portfolio of evidence.

## SKILLS ACQUIRED

- To draw well in the ways which are used by professional designers.
- To learn the skills related to Art and Design.
- To learn how designers, use the work of other designers from the past and across the world to help inspire and inform their own work.
- To learn to organise and control use of time and workspace in a safe and efficient way.
- To learn to work well with others and to extend learning skills.

**Specification:** <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/art-and-design-2012-nqf.html>

**Assessment:** <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/art-and-design-2012-nqf.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FInternal-assessments>

