Art and Design A Level

Subject Leader: Ms V Bevan

Syllabus: AQA

Course Specification: 2200

Course Overview
This is a two-year fine art course that develops traditional skills and understanding of the contemporary art world.
You will experiment with a wide range of techniques, from printmaking and mixed media to digital art and sculpture. Throughout the course, you will gain a strong understanding of historical and contemporary art movements, learning how artists throughout time have shaped creative practice.
One of the most exciting aspects of A Level Art and design is the freedom to develop a personal body of work that reflects your own creative journey. Guided by an expert teacher, you will explore themes and ideas that truly inspire you, evolving your skills and artistic direction along the way.

Course Requirements
5 GCSEs graded 9 – 4 including English and Maths. Grade 6 in an Art & Design related subject is required.

Year 1
The first term is a foundation course in which all design skills are taught. Teacher led projects enable students to work across a range of disciplines covering the areas of drawing, digital imagery, and photography. Students make contextual links to their work through looking at artists from a range of historical periods and also contemporary work.
The development of knowledge is supported by visits to galleries, museums and other locations designed to inspire creativity.

Students then progress to:
Component 1: Personal Investigation
in the spring term, working on a personal project until Christmas, this will be guided by teachers but driven by student ideas. Development of ideas through exploration with media materials and techniques, research into the work of artists and designers and development of ideas towards a final piece result in a first project worth 60% of the overall marks.

Year 2
In year two students complete the personal investigation and then complete an externally set assignment, a shorter project worth 40% of the overall mark. The assessment objectives are the same as Component 1 and the final piece will be completed during a 3-day exam.

How will I be assessed?
Component 1: Students will develop work for a personal investigation into an issue, concept, or theme. This will count for 60% of the total marks.

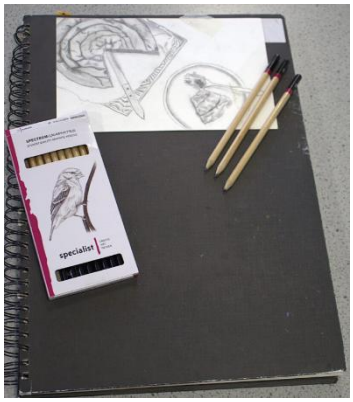
Component 2: Students will produce personal work in response to one of eight starting points. This will count for 40% of the total marks.

Independent Study

Art is a is a practical course in which you will be able to create imaginative personal work. Students will find out about a wide range of media, techniques and processes. Students will also develop their creativity and independent thought. Students will learn to express themselves visually and let their imagination flourish. This will largely take place in independent study time.

Progression
Students will acquire skills, knowledge and understanding required for Art and design degrees in University or Art college. Typically, this can lead to jobs a wide range of jobs in the art and design industries.







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