

Optional: Art, Craft and Design Edexcel (1AD0)

The Art and Design department have chosen to adopt Edexcel as examining board as it offers the opportunity to combine Fine Art and Textiles in an Art, Craft and Design GCSE (1AD0).

The GCSE in Art, Craft and Design is a broad and flexible course that requires students to develop an appreciation of the creative process through a practical response, using a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional media, materials, techniques and processes. Students should explore critically how artists, craftspeople and designers from diverse cultures, times and societies have arrived at solutions and communicated meaning using the formal elements. Students should use this knowledge when developing new ideas, recording observations and creating outcomes which fully realise their personal intentions.

Separate Foundation Courses in Fine Art and Textiles is taught in Year 9 in readiness for this broad based GCSE. This gives the students the chance to develop their work in a personal way within both subject areas.

The exam will consist of two internally and externally moderated components.

Component 1: Students will be asked to produce a “Personal Portfolio” where, in response to internally set themes they will explore ideas, investigate media and experiment with a variety of processes in the creation of their artwork.

Component 2: Students will present a personal response to an externally set theme. After time allowed for preparatory studies they will produce a final piece during a 10 hour period (taking place over 3 consecutive weeks) under examination conditions.

We believe the course allows students ample opportunity to develop their creative and critical skills, realise their original ideas, experiment and take risks in their creative endeavours.