

# GCSE Art

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." – **Maya Angelou**



## Why study Art?

Do you...

- ... enjoy exploring your thoughts, feelings, and passions creatively, in a supportive and mature studio atmosphere?
- ... want to learn about art history and the great 'masters' through the ages and learn their techniques?
- ... have a desire to independently explore your imagination with teachers that will encourage and support you?
- ... look forward to going 'off script' and being creative and free?
- ... have a love and enjoyment of communicating visually?
- ... enjoy working on your art to develop stamina and resilience?

In art we inspire, challenge, and motivate every scholar, no matter your starting point, while supporting and guiding you in creative, practical, engaging lessons. **Everybody is an artist.**

## What are the topics I will study?

Through a range of projects over the two years we will support you to develop new skills, exploring materials and techniques in workshop-style lessons that spark your imagination and let you express yourself in areas that include:



- ✓ **Painting**
- ✓ **Drawing**
- ✓ **Print making**
- ✓ **Photography**
- ✓ **Sculpture**
- ✓ **Clay**
- ✓ **Mixed media**
- ✓ **Digital art**

## What skills and knowledge will I develop?

Scholars will realise their potential through developing their visual literacy, art history knowledge, fine art techniques and processes and contemporary practice. You are provided with a safe, risk-taking environment where you can develop deeper opinions and confidence to persevere. You develop critical thinking, time-management, resilience, creativity, and more transferable skills. With the freedom to be inspired, art brings out the best in you.

## Further reading

- AQA Specification - [Art and Design](#) – [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)
- Why study art? – Tate Gallery – [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)
- Futures in Creative Industries – [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)

## Qualification Details

- Qualification: **GCSE Fine art**
- Exam board: **AQA**

## Assessment Pathway

### 1. Coursework Portfolio (60%)

A personal project of artworks completed in school and at home.

### 2. Exam Portfolio & Final Piece (40%)

A 2nd project on a topic you choose from selected AQA titles. This portfolio is used to support a 10-hour supervised final-piece exam which takes place across 2 days.

There is NO written GCSE exam paper in Art.

## Careers in art

Possible Careers & Further Education Art GCSE enables you to study any creative course at KS5, degree and beyond (this includes design tech, fashion and photography). Studying art opens the door to a range of careers in the creative industries which are an important part of the British economy – one of the economic areas that is still growing.

**"But I don't want to be an artist – so why bother studying art?"** ... The leading people in any industry are those who can think creatively and innovatively.

### • Like creative writing?

*Book/magazine illustrator, art critic, photojournalist, graphic designer, creative director, animator, art curator, cartoonist.*

### • Enjoy history?

*Art historian, gallery assistant, sculptor, museum curator, art restorer, freelance photographer, anthropologist.*

### • Do you like games & tech? *Game developer,*

*website developer, graphic artist, character designer, app developer*

## Employability Skills:

- **Creativity:** Creativity is the ability to think about a task or a problem in a new or different way, or the ability to use the imagination to generate new ideas
- **Aiming High:** The ability to set clear, tangible goals and devise a robust route to achieving them.

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