

Art

GCSE – EDEXCEL

Subject Leader: Mr Farrow

What's it all about?

You will have the opportunity to experience and use a variety of materials during the course including paint, print 3D working, drawing, mixed media and digital media. You need to be prepared to use materials in an experimental way.

You will research artists and their work, both visually and through critical comment. Gallery visits support this element of the course.

You will observe and record the world in a visual way, often through drawing in a variety of media. You can also use photography to record visual information.

You need to develop your own ideas, making connections/reference to the work of other artists, choosing the most appropriate materials to create a final piece for each coursework unit.

Who should take it?

Anyone interested in the visual world, who is keen to develop their own ideas in a visual way.

What will I learn on this course?

You will learn a range of art and design skills, giving you the confidence to work in both two and three dimensions.

You will learn about the ideas underpinning different artist's work, and how you can adapt them to suit your own purposes.

You will develop the confidence to talk about and analyse your own work and that of others.

How will I be assessed?

All coursework and examination work is documented in a sketchbook or work journal. This is maintained throughout the GCSE course.

The final examination is based around a theme set by EDEXCEL. You are given the examination paper three months before the examination date in order to develop your ideas and reference the work of other artists.

Course work and exam work is displayed in an exhibition at the end of Year 11.

What do your current students say?

"We always have something that I find fun, or interesting planned"

"It gives me a creative outlet. The lessons are well structured, and are focused on progressing – I enjoy that"

Is there anything else I need to know?

You will be expected to buy your own sketch book; these are available to buy from the art department.

Who can I contact for further information?

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