

Course Content:

Pupils who opt for Art at GCSE will undertake work which is varied, exciting, challenging and personal. Pupils should be enthusiastic about the subject and be willing to experiment with a wide range of materials and techniques including drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, sculpture and mixed media.

Assessment:

This consists of:

Unit 1: A Personal Portfolio of work, undertaken from September in Year 10 to the end of December in Year 11.

Unit 2: Externally set assignment 40% of final mark from January (in Year 11) to the end of April, culminating in 10 school days (10 hours) of independent work.

Trips, Resources and other opportunities

The study of other artists, historical art movements, cultures and contemporary art is an integral part of the course. Gallery trips are organised whenever possible to support learning, especially after the release of a past paper in Year 10 or the external assignment in Year 11. We encourage pupils to develop their interest in museums and galleries through online research as well as in person. Workshops are provided after school hours to enable students to continue with their work or seek extra guidance.

Pupils will also need a compulsory materials pack, including a sketchbook and portfolio purchased from the department for £30.

Also, the department requests a voluntary contribution of a further £15 to cover the cost of a wider range of specialised resources such as clay, print and specialised paints. These materials enable pupils to work in more areas than otherwise could be sourced.

Pupil Quotes:

“Art is a very time-consuming subject and you have to have a lot of patience if you want good results. It is also very rewarding when you see how you have progressed over the months.”

“I personally love the subject and am interested in continuing Art in the future.”

“My personal opinion on Art is that it is nothing like any other subject; there is no right or wrong and you totally express