

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Art in Year 10 is part of a two year course. It is designed to develop further the basic artistic skills learnt during previous years. Pupils are encouraged to extend their perception and experience of art and design using a variety of artistic media and to develop their literacy skills through contextual studies.

The department uses the WJEC GCSE specification. The course is designed for candidates of all abilities and assessed on the pupil's art, craft and design work produced for their portfolio and a terminal examination. The course covers areas such as fine art, photography, graphics, textiles, ICT, three dimensional studies and critical studies. Pupils are encouraged to explore and experiment, expressing and evaluating in a response to sensory awareness of the world.

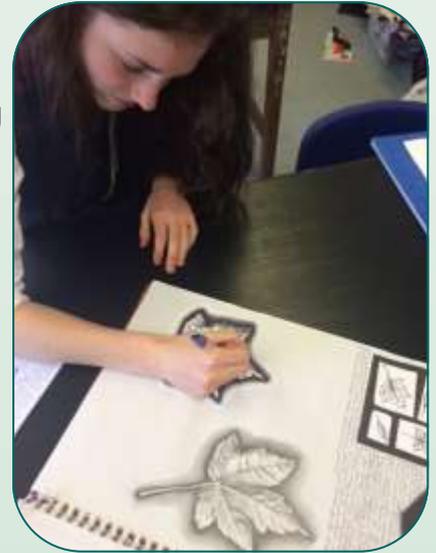
Controlled Unit 1 - Portfolio - 60 %

Externally Set Assignment - Sustained Focus - 40%

The examination is an externally set task or starting point, allowing for a period of research and preparation and a 10 hour practical examination.

Pupils study artists, designers and craft workers including Welsh examples evident in the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, or Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea. We also take a trip in Year 10 to London or Bristol to develop research skills. Pupils also have the opportunity to attend an International Art Gallery trip.

Following successful completion of the GCSE course, students' can progress to AS and A Level and are advised to apply for an Art Foundation Course, leading to career possibilities in Fine Art, Photography, Illustration, Graphic Design, Film and Television, Architecture, Animation, Jewellery Design, Fashion, Sportswear Design, Games Design etc.



BTEC FIRSTS - LEVEL 2 AWARD IN ART & DESIGN (EDEXCEL)

This is a vocational course which is equivalent to 1 GCSE (A*-C).

This course is designed to develop further the basic artistic skills learnt during previous years. It gives pupils an understanding of how organisations in the art and design industry operate and the key skills required to work in the industry.

Within this course there are two forms of assessment:-

- Internal Assessment - Teacher led assessment in the form of three coursework units. This accounts for 75% of the qualification.
- External Assessment - pupils will need to develop a portfolio of work leading to a 10 hour practical examination. This will account for 25% of the qualification.

To achieve the Level 2 award pupils must complete 4 mandatory units:-

1. Introduction of specialist pathways
2. Creative project in Art & Design (external)
3. Communicating ideas in 2D
4. Communicating ideas in 3D

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