

ART & DESIGN

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 (at present a draft specification for 2016). 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, graphics, textiles, ICT, three dimensional studies, photography 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.

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

