WBS – GCSE PREFERENCE INFORMATION 2026 - 2028

GCSE: ART & DESIGN

Examining Board: OCR

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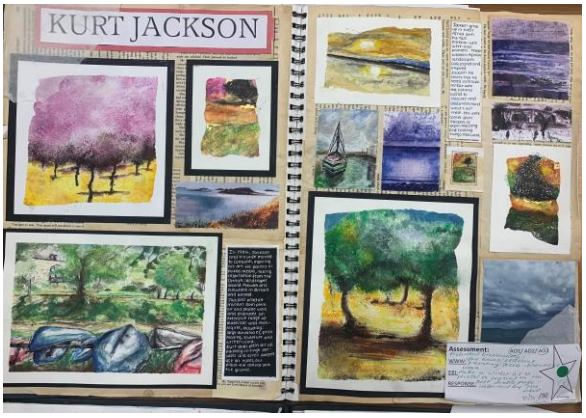
Course Overview:

Our GCSE in Art and Design helps students develop knowledge, skills, and understanding to enable them to express their creativity and imagination through responses to visual, historical and contextual references. It allows students to explore ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials and techniques. Students will develop the ability to present a personal and meaningful response that realises intention and demonstrates understanding of visual language.

Component 01 is the Portfolio. Learners must produce work in response to a personal theme that links to centre set theme of 'Landscapes'. This component is a non-exam assessment, it is internally assessed and externally moderated using the marking criteria. This component is marked out of 120 marks and contributes 60% to the overall mark.

Component 02 is the Externally set task. OCR will provide learners with five themes each with written and visual starting points or stimuli. From these, one option must be selected by the learner. We will allow learners a set period of time to prepare for the Externally set task 10-hour supervised time period. The Externally set task is a non-exam assessment, it is internally assessed and externally moderated using the marking criteria. This component is marked out of 80 marks and contributes 40% to the overall grade.



About the Exam and/or None Examined Assessment:

September – January: Skills Unit. Still Life Theme.

January – December: 01 Portfolio Unit worth 60% of the overall grade. Landscape theme.

January – April: 02 Externally Set Task worth 40% of the overall grade. Selecting a theme from the OCR exam paper.

OCR ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW	
Portfolio (01) 120 Marks Non-exam assessed (internally assessment and externally moderated)	60% of total GCSE
Externally set task (02) 80 marks 10 hours (internally assessed and externally moderated)	40% of total GCSES