

Art

Award: GCSE

Board: AQA

Assessment Methods

Students will complete a Portfolio of work (Component 1) and an Externally Set Assignment (Component 2). The Portfolio must include work from at least two or more of the following areas: Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Textile Design and Three-Dimensional Design. This counts for 60% of the final mark. Students are continuously assessed and they are expected to review their work and progress, setting themselves targets and discussing new objectives for their next piece of work. The Portfolio will be assessed in January of Year 11 and the Externally Set Assignment is assessed in May in Year 11.

Structure of the Examination

The Externally Set Assignment consists of one assignment (set by the examination board), completed in 10 hours with approximately 10 weeks of preparation time from January in Year 11. The students will have a choice of topics to explore from the exam paper. This counts for 40% of the total mark. The examination is completed over two full days during March/April of Year 11 (10 Hours). All preparation is marked, together with any outcomes produced in exam conditions.