

# ART - Fine Art – Painting GCSE

## INTRODUCTION

Students choosing this course will follow the Edexcel GCSE in Fine Art. The course is designed to be flexible and to allow students to work in a variety of media; however, students will predominantly work within painting and drawing. Students are also required to produce work relating to that of artists whose work they will research. The work produced in every lesson and at home goes towards the final GCSE grade.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

In Year 10 students are involved in a broad and general Art course involving the development of observational skills and students' own ideas towards final pieces of coursework. The course is structured to give students a greater awareness of their own work in relation to that of other artists and to gain confidence in developing their own way of working.



In Year 11 greater time is given to preparation for the timed test at the end of the course. The majority of the work is theme based with students developing their own responses to a theme and refining their coursework.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- A series of projects based on different subjects and themes produced throughout Year 10 and 11 such as still life and portraits.
- Preparation for the timed test (usually in the form of a sketchbook of ideas, drawings, research, etc.)
- A ten hour timed test piece based on the ideas developed in the preparation. The exhibition is marked internally by the Art Department then moderated by the Exam Board.
- 60% of the final grade is from coursework
- 40% of the final grade is from the preparation and 10 hour timed test piece

## FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Art is a very popular option at GCSE for those students who want to work hard and enjoy a creative subject. Those wishing to take Art at GCSE should discuss this with their Art teacher. As a subject it teaches vital skills such as resilience, problem solving, creativity, independence, and communication, as well as practical skills and manual dexterity.

Upon completing GCSE Art, students may further their education in Art into careers in fashion design, graphic design, film and video, fine art, textile design, engineering etc.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Ms Saunders, Head of Art.