**Art and Design at Key Stage 4**

The GCSE course encourages students to develop:

* creative and imaginative powers, and practical skills for communicating and expressing ideas, feelings and meanings in art, craft and design;
* investigate, analytical, experimental and interpretative capabilities, aesthetic understanding and critical skills;
* understanding of codes and conventions of art, craft and design and awareness of contexts in which they operate;
* knowledge and understanding of art, craft and design in contemporary societies and in other times and cultures.

Students must explore and create work associated with areas of study from at least two titles listed below.

Art, craft and design

Fine art

Graphic communication

Textile design

Three-dimensional design

Photography

A coursework unit should include preparatory work, sketch books, logs or journals related to the final piece(s) in the chosen area(s) of study. All assessment objectives must be met in the Coursework as a whole.

**Assessment Objectives**

Students will be required to demonstrate their ability to:

**AO1** develop and explore ideas, evaluate images, objects and artefacts showing understanding of context;

**AO2** refine ideas using media, processes and resources, reviewing, modifying and conducting purposeful experimentation as work progresses;

**AO3** record observations, experiences and ideas in forms that are appropriate to intentions;

**AO4** present a personal response, realising intentions and making informed connections with the work of others

At the end of year 11 the GCSE Students take part in examinations where Students will be required to respond to **one** starting point from AQA set question paper.

A response to all assessment objectives is required. Students are provided with a preparatory period, followed by 10 hours of supervised time. Students will be expected to develop their own work to resolve their investigations, producing a final piece or pieces based upon preparatory studies and research.