

MEET MY SUBJECT – EARLY OPTION ART & DESIGN GCSE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Early option Art GCSE encourages students to develop their skills across a range of Art, craft and design disciplines in two and three-dimensional media. This includes drawing, painting, printmaking, clay sculpture, some graphics, textiles and photography. It provides a foundation of knowledge and skills to prepare students for GCSE in years 10 and 11.

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE ART?

Early Option Art GCSE doesn't just prepare you for Years 10 and 11 but the possibility of a career in the subject. It also provides you with key, creative skills that can support your learning across the wider curriculum and other future career paths.

Studying Art will give you a **well-rounded** set of skills as well as being fun. Art gives you invaluable **problem-solving skills** that can be transferred to other subjects. Students who are **creative thinkers** are able to approach a task in a multitude of ways, experimenting and exploring until they realise an outcome. Art teaches you to think with an **open mind**, find alternatives and tackle any situation with creativity. The creative industry is huge and all around you. From the clothes you wear, the built environment you live in to the phone you use or computer games you play. They have all been designed by someone with a **creative mind**.

Art teaches you **perseverance**, **entrepreneurial skills** and the ability to take creative and **measured risk**. It teaches you to be **original** and **innovative**; skills the next generation are going to need in the ever-changing and challenging world in which we live.

WHO SHOULD CHOOSE ART?

Art is a really enjoyable subject to study but you do have to work hard. Those who are successful in Art are those that usually fulfil the below criteria:

- Love making, designing, drawing, imagining and creating things – have a passion for Art!
- Are fully committed and are willing to work hard in lesson and at home.
- Are open minded and willing to try new ideas and ways of working.
- Are able to stick to deadlines and organize their time effectively.

Art is also a place where students are able to express themselves and take ownership over their work.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN ART GCSE?

- How to improve your observational drawing and refine your technical control to a high quality.
- Where and how to source starting points to support the development of your project
- Explore and learn how to refine your use of a variety of two and three-dimensional media, techniques and processes
- How to successfully develop a project through written and visual analysis of artists, crafts people and designers and use their work to inspire your own outcomes.
- How to plan and produce a successful outcome
- How to evaluate, review and refine your work in progress

WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE AND HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Two projects of work up the Early option course:

- **Project 1** – Natural Forms
- **Project 2** – This changes yearly but projects that have previously been taught are: Cubism and distortion, Japanese and Chinese art.

Projects are assessed internally by class teachers against the four AQA assessment objectives. The work produced during this year can be submitted as coursework at the end of year 11 which is worth 60% of the overall grade.

WHAT FUTURE CAREERS OR FURTHER STUDY DOES GCSE PREPARE YOU FOR?

- A Level or Level 3 progression
- Foundation Diploma (a course often taken after A level and before Degree)
- BA honors in Fine Art, Architecture, 3D Design, Animation, Illustration, Fashion media & marketing, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Game Arts, Jewelry design, Creative advertising & Brand etc.
- Careers – Architecture, Graphic Design, Curation, Design for games, animation, book illustration, set design, Teaching, Branding, Advertising, Corporate identity, Fashion promotion, Exhibiting artist, Arts manager, art therapist, Interior design etc.

CLICK HERE to really get a taste of what the course is about and the type of Art work you could be creating if you choose ART GCSE! <https://en-gb.padlet.com/woodbridgeart/9mkeygl2ittio81u>