



GCSE Art and Design

Wales High School - Year 9 Subject Options

Subject Content - What will you be doing?

A **Portfolio Unit** (60% of the marks) - Assessment objectives cover contextual research, reflective recording, creative making and personal responses.

Skills taught:

- Developing skills in using a wide range of materials and techniques
- Developing reflective recording and observational skills
- Developing analytical skills - both in terms of historical and contemporary artists as well as own work
- Learning to think and evaluate creatively and independently
- How to create personal responses within artworks which reflect research and ideas
- Creative presentation and selection of portfolio to submit for assessment
- Photography Foundation Skills- Additionally to GCSE Art & Design the students will be offered the opportunity to study GCSE Photography in Year 10/11 to develop specific skills in digital media processes.

Externally Set Controlled Assignment (40% of the marks)

This begins in January of Year 11. Students will select a starting point from a range set by the exam board. They will produce work on this theme for approximately 7 weeks. At the end of this time students have 10 hours of lesson time under exam conditions to complete a final piece.

Key Points about the Subject

- Feeds into creative media professions and university courses such as Animation, Art History, Archaeological Illustration, Architecture, Advertising and Publishing, Film, TV and Theatre, Floristry, Graphic Design, Games Design, Industrial Design, Interior Design and Surface Decoration, Museum and Heritage work, Conservation, Fashion, Hair and Beauty
- Develops visual literacy and critical awareness of the images that surround us
- Expands creative thinking and analytical writing skills.
- Promotes independent learning through collecting resources and photographs outside school and individually tailored portfolio work

Who can I speak to for more information?

Miss J Podmore, Miss R Smith, Mr G Swain, Mrs Z Whitaker, Miss G Gladwin and Mr A Cook.