

How will my work be assessed?

Your work will be assessed against the GCSE assessment criteria. There are 4 of these and each carry 25%. The same criteria are used to mark the Personal Portfolio and the Externally Set Assignment. The final grade is worked out by combining the marks of both units of work, with the Personal Portfolio carrying 60% of the total marks and the Externally Set Assignment carrying 40%.

Why study Art and Design

The course will include an in depth study into Drawing, Painting, printmaking and Sculpture. As the course develops you will be given more freedom to develop your own work and students may be able to specialise in Year 11 in one or more of these areas of study.

Painting as an art form has been around for centuries, with many areas covered including portraiture, landscape painting, murals, abstract art and contemporary street art. Sculpture is one of the oldest art forms known to man and takes many forms, including human, animal and abstract sculptures, and studio ceramics such as vases. The emphasis of this area of study is to develop your 3D sculpture skills through drawing, developmental work and the use of clay, mixed media, chicken wire, etc.

The Art Department has a professional standard photographic studio for students to use including studio lights, backdrops and props. The Art Department has over 40 digital cameras for student use, including state of the art DSLR cameras.

The Art Department also has professional standard printmaking equipment

Extra-curriculum activities

You will have opportunities in Y9 to work on the sets for the Whole School Production, creating the backdrop and props for the show. You will also have opportunities to work with artists and to exhibit your work in the Art Department gallery. Visits to galleries will be organised and you will have a chance to complete the Arts Award additional qualification.

What would this subject enable me to do when I finish school?

Students can progress on to Level 3 courses in the Giles Sixth Form. The Giles offers courses in Art and Design, Graphic Design, Photography and Combined Arts. The Art department has also produced a career guide that will be available on the website and also for you to collect. Additional career advice can be found on these websites:

<http://creativejourneyuk.org/>

Excellent series of films with people from the creative industries talking about their careers and education

<http://www.theartcareerproject.com/art-as-a-career/>

An American website with excellent descriptions of the various careers and case studies from many people working in the creative industries.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/arts-crafts-and-design>

UK government website with clear descriptions of the range of jobs and careers in the creative industries.

How parents or other members of the public can find out more about the curriculum your subject is following

More information can be found on the EDEXCEL/Pearsons website regarding the specification for the course. <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.html>.

The Art department has many examples of students work on-line so that you can see some of the work completed by our students <http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/visual-arts/> and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/130038364@N07/albums>

The Arts Faculty students also produce a termly magazine, and the first one is available on the school website <http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/fusion-magazine-2.pdf>

