

Art and Design

Making the Grade. Learn the pathway to academic success.

Subject Teachers: Mr Wallace, Mr Clayton, Miss McHale

Curriculum Area: Design & Technology, Art and Photograph

Key Dates:

- January 2020 – Trip to Tring Museum*
*postponed due to COVID
- June – 5 hour Mock over 2 weeks

Overview of Year 9:

The course comprises of two components.

Component 1:

Personal Portfolio (coursework) 60%

All work completed in Year 9, 10 and 11 can be submitted as coursework. Year 9 is mainly based on workshops that explore a range of skills, artist research, development of ideas, experimentation with materials and processes, annotation; leading to a variety of final outcomes. This year is about taking risks and finding out one's strengths. The two main themes are Natural Forms and Animals.

Component 2:

Externally set assignment (practical exam) 40%

In Year 11 a theme is set by the exam board and students work towards a 10-hour exam. As a practice in Year 9 students have a period of 5 weeks to investigate a theme, develop their ideas and experiment with media and techniques, in lesson time and for homework. Then students sit a 5-hour exam spread over two weeks in class time to complete a final piece/pieces.

How can families contribute to success on this course?

- For students to be successful they should:
- Complete a minimum of 1 hour's homework a week. This is essential; successful students do more.
- Work independently; go above and beyond to research ideas and artists.
- Take lots of their own photographs for research and print them out.
- Visit galleries for inspiration.
- Take advantage of the regular after school support sessions that are offered.
- Act on the feedback provided.
- Practice their observation drawing including a wide range of tone and texture.
- Use subject specific language in their analysis and annotation.
- Go beyond the descriptive when writing about art; students should give their own opinion.
- Use their own words, don't plagiarise; reference all sources and images.

Resources for success:

- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.html>
- Satchel:One

Specification Information:

- Edexcel
- GCSE Art and Design: Fine Art (1FA0)