

Parent Guidance on how to support your child with their Art & Design Exam



How is the GCSE in Art & Design assessed?

The GCSE in Art & Design is made up of 2 units :

Coursework = 60% of Final Grade

Practical Exam = 40% of Final Grade

Each unit is assessed within four assessment objectives

AO1 – Develop Ideas and investigate Artists

AO2 – Experiment with materials and Techniques and refine ideas

AO3 – Record ideas and observations for a final piece

AO4 – Create a final piece of work

At Redruth School we run the GCSE course in Art & Design offered by the AQA Exam Board

www.AQA.org.uk

When is the Exam?

The Exam unit starts in January of year 11 and is completed with a 10 hour practical exam (normally spread over two days) during which time students complete a finished piece of Artwork in their chosen medium.

In January Students will receive an exam paper that contains 7 possible starting points for their exam unit.

Extra support sessions

Students are invited to attend the KS4 Art & Design after school club on Tuesdays 3-4. Students can also work in their Art rooms at Lunchtimes and most evenings after school until 4pm.

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The Art & Design teachers can be contacted via their school E mail address and via the school phone number.

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/gcse/art

www.lightboxresource.co.uk

www.studentartguide.com

www.googleartproject.com

Top Tips for a successful exam unit

- Students will be set regular homework, please encourage your child to complete this work by the set deadline. The homework is often research work in preparation for the next practical session in the classroom or will be an extension of work completed at school.
- Encourage your child to look at a wide variety of Artists and Designers to inspire their work.
- Visits to local galleries such as the Tate St Ives, the Exchange and Newlyn Galleries in Penzance, The Falmouth Art Gallery and the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro
- Provide a space at home where work can be laid out and worked on.
- Encourage your Child to create a diary / checklist of the tasks that need to be completed.
- Encourage them to communicate with their Teacher their ideas and any concerns they have.
- The school will supply most of the materials and resources, but your child may want to use other materials. The Best places to purchase these are Jims Cash and Carry (Redruth) The Range (Truro) and Trago Mills (Falmouth / Liskeard)

COURSEWORK DEADLINE: 5TH May

EXAM PREP & EXAM DEADLINE: 26th March

EASTER COURSEWORK REVISION: 31st March, 7th & 8th April

