

## OVERVIEW

During Year 11 pupils will have their mock exam which will give pupils a clear idea of the timeline and expectations of the exam. Pupils will be given three starting points to choose from which they then research and work in the style of a range of artists, using the artists' media and techniques. Pupils will still be working on the four assessment objectives; AO1 – Research, AO2 - Media and Experiments, AO3 - Recording, and AO4 - Personal Response. Once students have explored a range of artists, they will then create their own images. Students will then experiment with a range of different media and compositions. With the guidance of their teacher students will research ideas for a final piece and produce test pieces before creating their final piece. Pupils will also complete their exam in the Spring term.

## Autumn

**Mock Exam – Coursework - 60%**

Drawing  
Observation  
Creativity  
Recording  
Annotation  
Planning  
Presentation  
Refining  
Researching  
Experimentation

Pupils will create a sketchbook that explores researching of relevant artists, drawing, annotation, photography, media experiments and final piece designs. Pupils will also complete a final piece of their own design in exam conditions. The mock exam counts towards coursework which is 60% of the overall mark.

**Assessment:**

Pupils will be given verbal feedback within lessons; however, they cannot be given written feedback as this replicates the exam specifications.

At the end of the project, pupils will be given a Working At Grade that gives a holistic view of all their work from the beginning of the course in Year 10.

## Spring

**Exam – 40%**

Drawing  
Observation  
Creativity  
Recording  
Annotation  
Planning  
Presentation  
Refining  
Researching  
Experimentation

The exam paper will be handed out during the first lesson back after Christmas. Pupils will choose from seven starting points and create a sketchbook that explores researching of relevant artists, drawing, annotation, photography, media experiments and final piece designs. Pupils will also complete a final piece of their own design; this will be completed in exam conditions in the 10-hour exam.

**Assessment:**

After the exam pupils will have time to complete some minor adjustments to their coursework (60%) before final marks are sent to the exam board.

**Useful resources for supporting your child at home:**

[Tate](#) – For researching artists we discuss  
[GCSE Art and Design - BBC Bitesize](#) – helpful information about the assessment objectives  
[AQA | Art and Design | Subject content | Art, craft and design](#) – GCSE Art and Design Specification

**Homework:**

Pupils will be expected to complete areas of coursework at home such as artist research.  
They will also be expected to complete any outstanding work from lessons.  
Depending on their work rate pupils may also be given extra drawing tasks to complete to support their work.