

Subject:	GCSE ART AND DESIGN
Examination Board:	AQA
Syllabus:	Art and Design (Fine Art)

Topics covered:

Unit 1: 'Organic & Mechanic' (Introduction into Abstraction)

Unit 2: 'Me, Myself and I' or 'The Everyday'

Skills Developed:

We aim to develop:

- creative and imaginative powers and the practical skills for communicating and expressing ideas, feelings and meanings in art, craft and design
- investigative, analytical, experimental and interpretative capabilities, aesthetic understanding and critical skills
- an understanding of codes and conventions of art, craft and design and an awareness of the contexts in which they operate
- knowledge and understanding of art, craft and design in contemporary societies and in other times and cultures

GCSE Assessments criteria achievable in this academic year and brief explanation:

Key Assessments in Art will be carried out three times a year and will cover the four assessment objectives. The assessments will be made not from testing but from appraising a student's grades for each assessment objective for that term. Students are assessed using the four assessment objectives below. Each assessment objectives is marked out of 24 marks (96 in total).

The Assessment Objectives:

AO1: Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources.

AO2: Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.

AO3: Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses.

AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.

Support Material:

Students are directed to relevant websites and to the Art and Design folder in the Curriculum Shared Area

Careers information

Visits to galleries/colleges etc.

What you could do to support your daughter:

Make sure she has the equipment and materials to explore Art & Design at home; acrylic paint, oil pastels, colouring pencils, drawing materials (pencils, graphite, and charcoal), coloured ink etc.

Access to the Internet and a colour printer would be beneficial

Access to a digital camera

Gallery and museum visits are always useful to experience live work in situation

Ensure that your daughter regularly attends the weekly after-school sessions (Wednesday) to complete coursework and homework tasks.