



Why Should I Study GCSE Art?

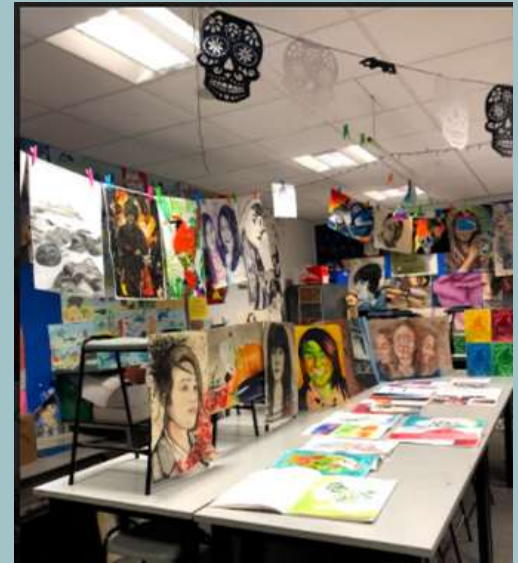




Watch the video to find out why Art education is important from artists, young people and major cultural figures.

Why Study Art As One Of Your GCSE Options?

- Art is by no means an 'easy' subject, as many people like to think. Nor is it a very complicated one though if you approach the lessons correctly.
- As an Art student, you need to strike a good balance between doing the things you love and backing them up with hard evidence and research if you are to succeed on the course with an excellent grade. You can't just study visual arts at GCSE because you like drawing or painting.
- While it can be an advantage for fine artists, gone are the days when you could just draw lifelike portraits or pretty landscapes and get awarded top marks for your efforts and your natural ability to be creative. You must be inclined to analyse what you see and to experiment with various styles and medium if you want to fulfil the conceptual requirements set out by examiners at the exam board.



What do our students say about taking Art?



“ GCSE Art Art can be challenging at times and you need to be dedicated. It can be time consuming however you will not regret taking it and you will produce amazing artwork” - Millie Hall

“ GCSE Art has inspired me into the world of fashion design and dressmaking” - Olivia McCallum

“GCSE Art gives you freedom and your own choice. The teachers make you feel comfortable and welcome” - Molly Y11

“GCSE Art has helped me cope and get through years 10 and 11” - Anonymous Y11 student

“GCSE Art gives people a chance to show off their creative skill, and all of the teachers are always there to support you.” - Lucy Farthey

“GCSE Art is a subject where you get a lot of freedom to create your own work and use the materials you like” - Rosie O’Brien



What disciplines can I focus on in GCSE Art?



So, if you can't draw or make sculptures, for example, but you are fascinated by the history of art and enjoy playing with different contemporary art methods then this course could be right up your street. Throughout the course, you'll get the opportunity to focus on one or more of the following areas:

Art, craft, and design

Graphic communication

Fine art

Textile design

Three-dimensional design



What qualities does an Art & Design allow you to develop?

Here are a number of transferable skills that you can learn through an arts education?

- **Creativity:** In a word full of trained professionals and highly educated workers, creativity is one of the top skills that set someone apart from the pack. Art education allows students to express themselves and think outside of the box.
- **Collaboration:** Working together for a common purpose teaches children that their contribution is important, which is perfect for the collaborative nature of the arts.
- **Confidence:** The arts create a safe space for students to explore their talents and build their confidence. Students who are shy in a normal classroom setting may gain the assurance to stand up and talk about their artwork. The sense of pride gained through a finished product encourages the students to keep trying and striving to accomplish more.
- **Cultural Awareness & Empathy:** The arts provide a unique platform to discuss many different cultures, socioeconomic levels, and current events. Through the arts, students have a place not only to learn about different cultures than their own, but also to ask questions and be more informed about the daily struggles and realities of people who may seem different.
- **Critical Thinking:** When students are making a work of art, the process includes conceptual and interpretational thinking that helps build their critical thinking skills including observation, reasoning, and problem-solving.



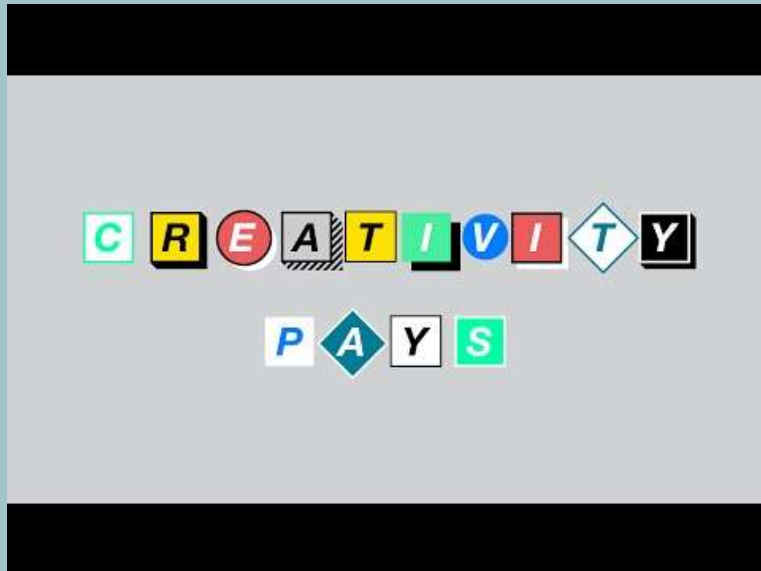
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When it comes to careers, an Art & Design course can be beneficial to routes such as fine art, illustration, teaching of humanities, fashion design, architecture, astronomy, politics, new media, photography, art history, expert in cultural studies, animation, body art and web design.

Art at GCSE can be beneficial to a range of careers, one of which is illustration for video games or books. If you aren't sure which area you want to pursue you have the opportunity to choose among a range of apprenticeships after you leave sixth form or apply for further and higher education study programmes.

Click on the following link to find some of the many creative careers that GCSE Art could be the first step toward <https://discovercreative.careers/#/>

Click on the following link to hear a number of professional Creative Practitioners talk about their own creative journey <https://creativejourneyuk.com/>



Play the above video to find out more about jobs in the creative industry.

