

At QEMS the OCR broad-based GCSE specification is followed. On this course you will have the opportunity to:

- Actively engage in the process of art and design in order to become critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds.
- Develop creative skills, through learning to use imagination and intuition when exploring and creating images and artefacts. Become confident in taking risks and learning from your mistakes when exploring and experimenting with ideas, materials, tools and techniques. (And associated safe working practices.)
- Develop competence and independence in refining and developing ideas and personal outcomes.
- Actively engage with the experience of working with a broad range of media, materials and techniques including traditional and new media and technologies.
- Expand your knowledge and understanding of art, craft and design throughout history within a variety of cultures.
- Develop critical understanding through investigative, analytical, experimental, interpretive, practical, technical and expressive skills.
- Develop personal attributes including self-confidence, resilience, perseverance, and self-discipline.

The course breaks down into the following components:	Component Name	Duration	Weighting
Unit 1	Art & Design Portfolio	45hours	60%
Unit 2	Set Task (exam)	10 hours	40%



On the course you will develop many new skills through a range of practical workshops which will include observation techniques, drawing and painting, photography, graphic design, textiles and three-dimensional design. You will also research into the work of artists, designers and crafts people in order to inform and develop personal practical work.

Unit 1- Art & Design Portfolio

A portfolio is produced (in controlled assessment conditions) in response to themes/projects set by the department. A work journal (sketchbook) containing notes, sketches and ideas, as well as homework tasks is also kept to record your 'journey' through your work, and is an important part of your portfolio.

Unit 2 - Set Task (exam)

The 'set task' requires you to produce a unit of work in response to **1** of a choice of exam questions. You will be given preparatory time to research and develop your ideas. With the guidance of your teacher, you will generate an appropriate personal response to that question. The exam will be **ten** hours in duration in which to complete your final piece in supervised test conditions.

Assessment

Your practical work will be assessed regularly during the course. You are encouraged to discuss your work frequently with your teachers, reviewing it at all times, as well as participating in the assessment process. Your portfolio should provide evidence of meeting all assessment objectives.

Why choose to study Art & Design at GCSE?

GCSE Art and Design is excellent preparation for those of you wishing to progress to 6th form, art college or careers involving the visual arts, including – painting, sculpture, fashion, book illustration, graphic design, television, film/ stage set design, ceramics, internet web design, and multi-media design. Even if a career in art is not pursued, studying this subject will equip you with many skills that will improve your employability, such as being well organised, creative, adaptable and innovative. Most of all, you should enjoy the subject and all the challenges it offers.

Please contact Miss Owen or Ms Hayward for further information (Subject Leaders of Art)

Or visit the OCR website at www.ocr.org.uk

You can also view exemplar work on the school website using the gallery link.

