

GCSE

Art, Craft and Design

The Brunts Academy

What is Art, Craft and Design?

In Art, Craft and Design GCSE students will explore ideas, experiences and respond to a theme or issue of personal significance. They will look at different approaches to art and use a variety of different media, techniques and materials including drawing, painting, sculpture, installation and mixed media. In Art students will explore their imaginative, experimental side in their creative outcomes while gaining a knowledge of Art history as they research and analyse artworks.

Students will develop their skills in line with the AQA GCSE 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.

Key Features of the Course:

Students will develop their own individual work, knowledge and understanding through observation of individually chosen subjects, experimentation through artist research, refinement and development of their own practice leading up to a final piece.

The coursework and exam units follow the same assessment criteria and both allow students to develop work based on their chosen themes to maintain interest. Students will be given the opportunity to express themselves in a range of media and explore new styles, record experiences and observations, undertake research, analyse, discuss and evaluate images in order to make independent judgements. This is a course that

What type of student is this suitable for?

Art, Craft and Design is suitable for students who have:

- An enquiring and critical mind, and who are open to experimentation and exploring a range of art styles.
- Pupils with a passion for drawing and creating in their own time.
- Pupils who can work independently to produce a critical and personal body of work.

What could this course lead on to?

Studying Art, Craft and Design opens up a range of careers in areas such as illustration, fine artist, graphic designer, photographer, interior design, art teacher, curator, art therapy, animation, product design and advertisement. It also provides many sought-after transferable skills, such as critical thinking, communication, teamwork, independence and resilience.

Course Details: AQA GCSE Art, Craft & Design

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Unit	Title	Unit Content	Assessment
GCSE Unit 1	Coursework Portfolio	An extended collection of work based on an idea, concept, theme or issue which demonstrates your ability to sustain work from an initial starting point to a realisation and includes evidence of your ability to research, develop ideas and link their work in a meaningful way to related critical/contextual materials.	Internally set and marked. Externally moderated. 60% of overall grade
GCSE Unit 2	Exam portfolio	Students choose from a selection of questions as a starting point for their assignment. The emphasis of this unit is the development of their ideas culminating in a 10 hour exam where students realise a piece of 2D or 3D work.	Externally set. Internally marked. Externally moderated. 40% of overall grade