

Welcome to Year 13 Art

In year 13 Art students develop and refine their coursework portfolios into 1 solid project which is reflective of all the assessment objectives. Students should aim to use the work they produced in Year 12 to help create a successful and sustained portfolio.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

At the start of the course you will be assigned a base target and throughout the course you will be assessed according to that base target using a colour system as below:

Red = significantly underachieving

Amber = underachieving

Green = on base target

Blue = above base target

Assessment of coursework and exams will be marked using the A-level grade system, A* being the top grade, U the lowest. This will be marked according to the AQA marking criteria out of a possible 96 marks.

STRUCTURED INDEPENDENT STUDY (SIS)

Independent study is a large part of the course and individual homework tasks will be set for you which cater for your individual portfolio needs. Where students have not been set specific tasks, it is expected that students will continue to work independently, working in the following areas for their portfolio: refreshing photos, researching artists to explore context, visiting Art galleries, annotating their work, analysis of artists' images, sustained observational drawing, media experimentation. Your SIS will be monitored every Friday by your teacher and will be marked using the colour-coding system against your base target.

HOMEWORK

Homework is set as necessary by your teachers. Homework will be monitored by your Art teacher and will be set in class for the entire cohort, but often as individual personalised homework tasks. Homework is a vital part of the course and you cannot achieve the higher grades without completing independent work. It is expected that you will produce a minimum of 2 hours of independent work a week.

COURSEWORK

Your coursework which is worth 60% of your overall A-level grade, will be submitted at the end of January. There are no extensions to this deadline as it is likely to compromise the quality of your exam which you will start immediately after the coursework is submitted.

EXAMS

At the start of February, you will receive your exam paper and prepare for your exam over several months. The exam contributes to the final 40% of the A-level grade. The preparatory work produced for the exam is worth 30% of the overall A-level grade so it is imperative that you invest time and care in the

preparatory work. The Art exam will take place over 3 consecutive days, totalling 15 hours (5 hours per day). You will be off-timetable for other subjects during this time.

SYLLABUS

Please read through the syllabus for other key information.