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| Art GCSE |
| Exam Board | AQA | Course Code | 8201 |
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| Outline of course | Y9 students undertake a project exploring the theme of Street Art. This allows students to understand how a project is structured in art and how they go on a journey from beginning to end. They have the opportunity to develop and refine their skills in drawing, painting, photography and collage underpinned by contextual studies of artists’ work.Students will undertake a 6-hour piece of controlled assessment, which imitates their final exam in year 11.Y10 builds on Year 9 and is the main year for putting together the students’ portfolio. Students undertake a project exploring the theme of Close-Up art. This allows students to develop and refine their skills in drawing, painting, collage, printing, photography and textiles, again, underpinned with contextual studies on existing artists work.Students will undertake an 8-hour piece of controlled assessment, which imitates their final exam in year 11.Y11 builds on Year 10 and completes the portfolio. Students undertake a project exploring the theme of ‘Organic Forms’, which develops the students’ ceramics skills. In January, students begin their exam preparation work for 12 weeks in the run up to their 10-hour exam. Themes are set by the exam board and the students have a choice of 7 different themes. They will sit their final exam ust after Easter. |
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| Method(s) of Assessment | The course is made up of 60% NEA (Portfolio) and 40% exam. Students start their NEA as soon as they start in Y9. All work done in Y9, Y10 and up until Christmas in Y11 is NEA. Students have to show within each project how they consistently develop and refine their work meeting the 4 assessment objectives.The exam preparation begins in January in Y11. The exam is split into two parts, with preparation work and the final completed in a ten-hour exam.All work is internally assessed then externally moderated. |
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| Choose this subject if.. |  you are creative with an abundance of artistic flair |
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| Possible careers/ future pathways | ArchitectGraphic DesignerFashion DesignerTattooistPhotographerWeb DesignerGames DesignerIllustrator |