

ART & DESIGN, GRAPHICS & PHOTOGRAPHY

GCSE FAQs

How is the course assessed?

The assessment of the GCSE course is split into two parts:

- Personal portfolio (60%)
- External set examination portfolio (40%)

What projects would I do?

In the first term of Y10 you will be given projects that are prescribed and are planned by teachers to develop and refresh particular skills, in each of the different areas. From term 2 onwards you decide the direction of the personal project and what the outcomes will be.

What is a portfolio?

In Art you will produce a traditional A3 folder of evidence. In Photography and Graphics, a digital portfolio is created. The work is divided up into 4 sections, which matches the exact examination criteria. You will be encouraged to experiment and use new materials and techniques. Frequent deadlines are set to support your own time management.

How is the 40% examination run?

The examination period is launched in the early January of Y11 and ends in mid-May, prior to all your other exams starting. EDUQAS will supply a booklet with 10 varied themes for you to choose one. You will create another portfolio of evidence and sit an internal 10-hour examination during May. This will be in your regular classroom, invigilated by your teacher and run over an approximate time of 1-2 weeks.

What media and materials will I work with?

You will work with a wide range of different medias and techniques depending on the discipline you choose. This could range from observational drawing, printing making, painting, CAD, digital, Photoshop, textiles, ceramics, specialist lighting effects and graphics merchandise, are only a few to mention.

What combinations of subjects can I take?

As Art, Photography and Graphics are under the same suite of qualifications, it is only possible to take one. However, you could choose a combination of Art, Photography or Graphics with either Design Technology or Food.