

St Patrick's Academy

GCSE Subject Choice

Subject Information for students:

Subject: Art and Design

What the subject is about:

This course is similar in format to the work you have produced in years 8 – 10, however at GCSE level students are expected to work more independently on individual projects. This means you will have more input into the development of your work. You choose the theme, media and direction of your work, with the help of your class teacher.

GCSE Art & Design is an exciting course. There are lots of areas to choose from:

Painting / drawing	Computer Aided Design
Ceramics	Graphics
Mixed Media / Sculpture	Jewellery
Printing	Textiles
Interior Design	Fashion

You do not have to be good in all these areas and can specialise in two or more depending on your strengths. So if you are weak at painting for example, don't be discouraged, you could do very well by specialising in other areas.

The skills you will develop doing GCSE Art will be varied. You will develop a working knowledge of materials and practices and develop the skill to investigate, analyse and experiment using art and design. Your imagination and the skills to express your ideas and feelings will be developed. You will also develop an understanding of the language of art and design and an understanding of the place of art, craft and design in history and society.

C'work	Duration	% of total	Content
1	Sept. – Easter year 11	30%	6 – 7 pages of preparatory work and final outcome Fine art or Design 2D / 3D
2	Easter year 11 – Dec year 12	30%	6 – 7 pages of preparatory work and final outcome Fine art or Design 2D / 3D Examination
3 ESA Pre- release paper Jan year 12	6 weeks preparatory work. 10 hours final piece	40%	6 pages of preparatory work. Final outcome Fine art or Design 2D / 3D

Attributes needed to succeed in the course

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If you have had good success in Key Stage 3 Art & Design and enjoy the subject then this may be a suitable choice for you. You need to have a keen interest in art, craft and design, have an aptitude for the subject, be creative and have good basic drawing and painting skills.

Career development in Art & Design?

You may wish to take an AS and follow on to an A2 level in Art and Design in view of a future art related career. Or you may wish to do a GCSE in Art & Design for its own sake - Grades equal points! Art & Design is particularly helpful in careers such as advertising, design, architecture, publishing and the media. The study of Art can help you develop transferable skills you can take into any career or job.

Career Paths Art and Design is particularly helpful in careers such as;

Graphic Design	Advertising	Architecture
Furniture Design	Fashion Design	Ceramics
Art Therapy	Teaching	Museum Work
Gallery Administration	Jewellery Design	Interior Design
Painting	Sculpture	Web design