

Art GCSE Exam Guidance

Monday 30 April and Tuesday 1 May

The exam will take place across a full school day with break times as usual (6 periods: 9am – 3.15pm).

It is recommended that you arrive early, set up your space and prepare your equipment. Please ensure you see your tutor so they can register you & then head straight to the art department to arrive by 8.50am at the latest.

AQA (The Examining Body) intends that exam time is to be used for the production of a personal response (final outcome) only.

Preparatory work completed in and out of your sketchbooks (e.g. artists' research pages etc.) may be used as reference but cannot be worked on any further during the exam.

At the start of the exam you will be asked to stick in an exam title page which clearly shows a separation of your preparatory work and work that you will complete during the exam.

During the exam you should be working to complete your personal response (final outcome) but you may need to document the stages of the processes you go through with photographs. You may find yourself needing to do further sketches/ testers of materials as you begin to complete the outcome – this can be completed in your sketchbook but **ONLY** on the pages after your exam title page. You can also add in an evaluation of your outcome in these pages also.

AQA guidance on website (The Examining Body) Supervised time – 10 hours

- Following the preparatory period, students must undertake 10 hours of unaided focused study, under supervision.
- **Students may refer to their preparatory work during the supervised time but must not add to it or amend it during the supervised time or between sessions.**
- Students must not add to or amend work produced during the supervised time; either between sessions of supervised time or after the 10 hours of supervised time has been completed.
- **Work produced in the supervised time must be clearly identified as such.**
- Preparatory work and work produced during the supervised time must be kept under secure conditions between and following the supervised sessions. **Work produced during the supervised time must be clearly identified as such.**
- Only the preparatory work and the work produced within the 10 hours of supervised time can be submitted as assessment evidence for this component.

At the end of the exam all work (both the initial coursework and the specific Mock Exam work) will be collected for marking and will no longer be allowed to leave the Art department.

There will be a short window of time before the coursework is finally marked & moderated by the Art department where you may be able to add to your coursework (unit 1 - 60% of overall Art GCSE) portfolio.

Where appropriate feedback will be provided regarding the strengthening of the coursework. You will be allowed to work on your coursework (Unit 1) in the Art department under the supervision of your teacher or you may bring in further work you have completed at home in this time agreed by your teacher.