

Edexcel GCSE Art & Design (2012) - Helpful hints for your continuing study

You are studying the Edexcel GCSE Art & Design (Fine Art) course. You can find all the information you need to know on the Edexcel website using the following link: <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/art-and-design-2009.html>

On the website, you will find a copy of the specification and examples of past exam papers and exemplar work by students who have completed the exam (scroll down and you will find them on the right-hand side of the page).

Unit 1: Personal Portfolio in Art and Design

Unit code: GCSE: 5FA01, GCSE (Short Course): 5FA03

- Internally assessed
- 60% of the total GCSE, 60% of the total GCSE (Short Course)

Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment in Art and Design

Unit code: GCSE: 5FA02, GCSE (Short Course): 5FA04

- Externally set and internally assessed (including a 10-hour exam)
- 40% of the total GCSE, 40% of the total GCSE (Short Course)

Fine art can be defined as work which is produced as an outcome of students' personal experiences, rather than that which is created exclusively for a practical function or that which is the outcome of a tightly prescribed brief.

Work produced for this qualification will demonstrate the use of formal elements and creative skills, and give form to individual thoughts, feelings, observations and ideas. Students will show evidence of trying to extend their own and others' ways of seeing the world. They will use the language of the subject sensitively and thoughtfully to support their intentions.

In the context of this specification, disciplines will include painting and drawing, printmaking, sculpture and alternative media.

GCSE portfolios will include the following elements:

Unit 1: Personal Portfolio in Art and Design together with Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment in Art and Design would normally provide evidence of **two years'** full-time study at Key Stage 4. • Submissions for each unit must contain supporting studies and personal response(s). • Evidence of working in at least **two** disciplines should be presented for assessment.

GCSE (Short Course) portfolios will contain the following elements:

Unit 1: Personal Portfolio in Art and Design together with Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment in Art and Design would normally provide evidence of study equivalent to **one year** of the GCSE course. • Submissions for each unit must contain supporting studies and personal response(s). • Evidence of working in at least **one** discipline should be presented for assessment.



You can download the specification document on the left direct from the Edexcel website.

Other useful sources are:

Art and Design Books: The Good Study Guide 0-7492-0044-8 – The Student Skills Guide 978-0-56608430-0 – Study Skills 1-869866-10-X – Learning Skills 0-00-322345-0 – Effective Study Skills 978-1-4058-40736 – Art-Based Research 9781853026218 – Art & Design student handbook 9781857496376 – Art & Design the essential guide 978034067405

Useful Websites: Student Art Guide www.studentartguide.com - Hayward Gallery www.hayward-gallery.org.uk - Tate Britain/ Modern www.tate.org.uk - Sainsbury Centre for Visual Art www.scva.ac.uk