



15th January 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: AQA Art GCSE Unit 2 – Exam Project

We are pleased to provide you with important details regarding your child's AQA Art GCSE Unit 2 Exam Project. This project is an opportunity for students to showcase their creative and technical abilities, and it accounts for **40% of their overall GCSE grade**.

Project Overview

Students will select one of the following themes to base their project on:

1. Flora and Fauna
2. Networks
3. Narrative
4. Angles
5. Human Being
6. Icons
7. Landscapes

They will complete **13 preparatory works** over a **8–10 week period**, exploring their chosen theme through research, experimentation, and development. This will culminate in a **10-hour exam**, during which they will create their final piece.

Assessment Objectives

The project will be marked using four Assessment Objectives, each worth 25% of the total:

1. **AO1 – Develop:** Investigate your chosen theme and develop ideas through research and analysis.
2. **AO2 – Experiment:** Explore and refine ideas by experimenting with materials, techniques, and processes.
3. **AO3 – Record:** Record observations and ideas through drawing, photography, or other media.
4. **AO4 – Present:** Create a final piece that is personal, original, and reflects your development.

Materials and Experimentation

Students will experiment with a variety of materials to meet the assessment objectives. These may include drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, and textiles. Experimentation is vital

for their creative development.

Key Deadlines

- **Theme Selection:** In the first week of preparation.
- **Initial Research and Experiments:** Weeks 1–4.
- **Development of Ideas:** Weeks 5–8.
- **Final Exam:** 10 hours to complete their final artwork.
- **Final Submission:** All work (sketchbooks, preparatory pieces, and final piece) must be submitted by the end of the exam period.

Resources and Absences

All resources, including PowerPoints and task instructions, will be uploaded to Microsoft Teams. If your child is absent, they will be required to stay up to date by accessing these materials and completing work as instructed.

Additional Support

To help your child succeed, we offer **extra Art support sessions every Thursday after school from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM**. These sessions are open to all students, whether they need additional guidance or want to stretch themselves further to achieve the highest grades.

Tips for Success

- **Stay Organised:** Keep all work documented in their sketchbooks.
- **Experiment Regularly:** Try different techniques and materials to broaden skills.
- **Seek Feedback:** Encourage your child to ask for feedback to refine their work.
- **Reflect and Develop:** Ensure each piece shows progression and links to their final outcome.
- **Attend all after school Sessions** – To ensure your child is fully equipped to succeed.

We encourage you to discuss their progress and theme with them at home to support their motivation and focus. If you have any questions or would like further details, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



Mrs Friedner and Miss Harris