Year 8 Options 2020

Year 9 Art & Design- Foundation Course
GCSE in Art & Design or Graphic Communication

What is Art & Design all about?

You should choose this course if you are creative and practical and enjoy coming up with original ideas. Although there is no written exam as such you will have to make notes and analyse your work and the work of other artists. You take pride in refining work to a high level and the challenge of completing work to a set brief.

Year 9 Art & Design Options:

You will need to decide which of the 2 courses to opt for - GCSE Art and Design or GCSE Graphic Communication.

Art & Design: option throughout Year 9 you will work on a range of projects that will develop your experience and understanding of art and design using hand-made and traditional processes with a focus on drawing, paint and 3D construction.

Graphic Communication: option will include a greater use of technology and software. You will follow a course which will focus on developing skills in art and design and graphic design, including learning how to use Adobe Photoshop.

The year 9 course is designed to help you:

- Use a range of primary and secondary sources to develop ideas
- Understand how artists and designers use visual language and formal elements in their work
- Explore and understand the properties of a range of art and design materials
- Select, use and apply a range of 2D and 3D techniques, processes, media and material in your art and design work
- Develop personal responses to artistic themes and design briefs
- Understand how artists and designers work in the creative sector

Course Structure :

Project 1
A broad practical course which covers the formal elements, developing your understanding of drawing, painting, digital work and photography. As the project progresses, you will start to work more independently, learning how to structure a project in preparation for the GCSE course starting in September of Year 10.

Project 2
You will receive a set of starting points taken from a GCSE Art & Design / Graphic Design paper that you can choose from. You will design your own mini-project. This will enable you to start to focus more on the area of study you have chosen for Year 10.

How will I be assessed?

Your work is assessed regularly by your teacher using the WWW / EBI feedback method. You will also be involved in the assessment of your work so that you have a clear understanding of the assessment criteria. Work will be marked using 1-9 system to help familiarise you with the

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GCSE assessment method and enable you to see where you are in relation to your target grade.

<u>What could I do next with GCSE Art & Design?</u>

At Sandbach School, you could progress to A Level, or to the Cambridge Technical in Creative Media. Art and Design can be the starting point for a diverse range of careers in the creative industries. Very often, studying art and design is not about going on to become a practicing artist, but more about developing your creativity and skills to open up many other creative opportunities.