



ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY

Excellence for All

GCSE Art and Design

Aims

- To provide a stimulating learning environment and positive working atmosphere in which the artistic development of each individual is encouraged.
- All students, regardless of their ability, should experience an enjoyable and rewarding range of opportunities whilst studying Art and Design.
- To support and nurture the development of students' self-confidence, use of initiative and creativity, and ability to self-review.

The Course

GCSE Art and Design provides students with a wide range of creative, exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore their interests in ways that are both personally relevant and developmental in nature.

This two unit specification enables students to develop their ability to actively engage in the processes of Art and Design – to build creative skills through learning and doing, to develop imaginative and intuitive ways of working and develop knowledge and understanding of media, materials and technologies in historical and contemporary contexts, societies and cultures.

Assessment is as follows:

Unit 1: Portfolio of Coursework 60%

Unit 2: Externally Set Task 40%

Assessment

Performance will be assessed in response to the following criteria:

Assessment objective 1 - Develop ideas through investigations of artist research

Assessment objective 2 – Refine ideas through experimenting

Assessment objective 3 – Record observations and intentions

Assessment objective 4 – Personal, informed and meaningful response

Choose this course if..

You are creative and enjoy learning new practical skills. Choose this course if you would like to develop confidence in art and are prepared to persevere and be dedicated. This course is ideal if you wish to create artwork about a particular passion or interest you may have or you simply wish to explore new themes in exciting ways.

Post 16 Opportunities and Careers

AQA A Level GCE Art & Design courses are offered in both ART AND DESIGN and PHOTOGRAPHY in the Sixth Form at Erasmus Darwin Academy. This GCSE course would help to lead to careers such as an art director, interior designer, illustrator, game designer, photographer, web designer, fashion designer, painter, set design artist, gallery owner, curator, animator, costume designer for film/tv, publishing, packaging design and many more. This course could lead to a 2 year post 16 BTEC course in Art & Design, Game Design, Fashion and Textiles, Graphic Design, Animation, Photography, Film & TV Production and 3D design.

Exam Board Information

We teach GCSE Art and Design through AQA and under the umbrella of Art, Craft and Design allowing us to teach a broad range of skills across the course. <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201-8206> (Art, Craft and Design 8201)

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