

ART & DESIGN

at SCGSG

Head of Department:

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AQA - Specification 8201



GCSE Fine Art

This course builds on the skills taught in Years 7,8 and 9 and is for those who want to realise their artistic ideas in a more thorough and in depth way. The course is structured to develop each student's individual skills within the broad based Art curriculum.

The syllabus allows and encourages experimentation across many areas of Art such as painting, print-making, photography and mixed-media.

How am I assessed?

Students will be expected to demonstrate their ability to:

- Analyse and evaluate images, objects and artefacts showing understanding of context;
- Develop and explore ideas using media, processes and resources, reviewing, modifying and refining work as it progresses.
- Record observations, experiences and ideas in forms that are appropriate to intentions;
- Present a personal response, realising intentions and making informed connections with the work of others.

Component 1 - 'Portfolio'

This is a collection of work completed across years 10 and 11 on a variety of subject areas that demonstrates skills and techniques in a variety of media. Students will develop an independent project from the areas that they have studied.

Component 2 - 'Externally Set Assignment'

This externally set task allows students to choose their own starting point from a selection available. This will be set by the exam board in January 2027.

Component

Weighting

ONE

Portfolio

60%

TWO

Externally Set

40%



GCSE and beyond...

Art at Sutton Girls provides students with skills that are transferable to many future pathways. Art A-Level is popular choice which hones the 'futureproof' skills of creativity, project management and manual dexterity and offers a doorway into many careers and subject areas as a result. Art and Design's next steps extend far beyond the creative industries and students have the autonomy to make their art personal and related to their own onward journey hence how this is complementary subject to a range of sectors, even Medicine!

There are also many careers within this thriving sector which may be of interest to our students, take a look at www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk to find out more.