

Art and Design

We believe that Art and Design stimulates creativity, imagination and innovation. It provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a unique way of responding to the world. Through Art and Design activities, students learn to make informed value judgements, aesthetic and practical decisions and become actively involved in shaping environments.

At Castle Hall Academy students take Art and Design in years 7,8 and 9. In each year group they gain a range of skills through producing a number of different projects. They will study different areas including Art, Textiles, 3D, Photography and Food preparation and nutrition throughout Key Stage 3. This builds on their knowledge and experience before making an informed decision as to which subjects they would like to study further at GCSE

Through Art and Design, students learn to combine practical and technological skills with creative thinking to design and produce a portfolio of work.

They learn to use various art techniques and explore new technologies. Students will learn to think creatively, solving problems as individuals and members of a team.

Year 7 – Students will study a subject area on a module rotation.

- Art
- Textiles

Year 8 – Students will study a subject area on a module rotation.

- Art
- 3D Design
- Textiles
- Food Preparation and Nutrition

Year 9 – Students will study a subject area on a module rotation.

- Art
- 3D Design
- Textiles
- Photography
- Food Preparation and Nutrition

GCSE – Years 10 & 11 – Option Choices

Students can specialise in the following subjects as an option choice.

AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE (9-1) – AQA

Our GCSE specification in food preparation and nutrition will equip students with the knowledge, understanding, skills and encouragement they need to cook. It will give them the ability to apply the principles of food science, nutrition and healthy eating.

Exam Paper

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

100 marks

50% of GCSE

Non-Exam Assessments

Task 1: Food Investigation (30 marks)

Task 2: Food Preparation Assessment (70 Marks)

50% of GCSE

Art and Design GCSE (9-1) - AQA

This specification is designed to be taken over two years.

This is a linear qualification. In order to achieve the award, students must complete all assessments at the end of the course and in the same series.

Students can specialise in one of the following content areas:

Art

Textile Design

Three-dimensional design

Photography

The specification has been designed to allow students to develop knowledge and understanding during the course through a variety of learning experiences and approaches, including engagement with sources. This will allow them to develop the skills to explore, create and communicate their own ideas.

Students will demonstrate these skills through the development, refinement, recording, realisation and presentation of their ideas through a portfolio and by responding to an externally set assignment.

The non-exam assessment (NEA) for this specification is a portfolio and externally set assignment. Assessments. Student must complete both components.

Component 1: Portfolio

What's assessed?

A portfolio that in total shows explicit coverage of the four assessment objectives. It must include a sustained project evidencing the journey from initial engagement to the realisation of intentions and a selection of further work undertaken during the student's course of study.

How it's assessed

No time limit

96 marks

60% of GCSE

Non-exam assessment (NEA) set and marked by the school/college and moderated by AQA during a visit. Moderation will normally take place in June.

Component 2: Externally set assignment

What's assessed?

Students respond to their chosen starting point from an externally set assignment paper relating to their subject title, evidencing coverage of all four assessment objectives.

How it's assessed

Preparatory period followed by 10 hours of supervised time

96 marks

40% of GCSE

Non-exam assessment (NEA) set by AQA; marked by the school/college and moderated by AQA during a visit. Moderation will normally take place in June.