

National 5 Art & Design

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Course Outline

There are 2 units in the course:

Design Unit

In this unit the learner will develop their creativity, problem solving and critical thinking skills and work to resolve design issues and constraints.

They will study designers working practices and the main social and cultural influences affecting their work. They will then use this study to plan, research and develop creative design work in response to a design brief. Each pupil is expected to produce a range of investigation work, development ideas and a final piece.

Expressive Unit

This unit helps develop learners personal thoughts and ideas in visual form.

They will study artists working practices and the social and cultural influences affecting their work, then select stimuli and produce analytical drawings and studies. Each pupil is expected to produce a range of investigation work, development ideas and a final piece.

Unit Assessment

The two units are both assessed in school by school staff and are awarded a pass or fail grade. In order to pass the course pupils need to pass both these internal units.



Course Assessment and Exam Preparation

To achieve overall Course Award pupils must also complete the Course Assessment. This is a portfolio of expressive and design work which is submitted to the SQA in April and assessed by an external examiner. Pupils will also sit a written exam during the SQA exam diet.

Useful Websites

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47388.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/art/practicalities/elementsofart1.shtml>

Google Classroom

All classes will have access to revision notes and past papers via Google Classroom. Please see your Art teacher to get the invite and password. If you don't have access to the internet paper copies of all resources are available.



Revision Classes

There are catch-up classes all year starting after the September weekend and run all year. Pupils are expected to attend regularly to achieve a good pass. The Art staff encourages pupils to use Enhanced Curriculum periods to catch-up where possible.

SQA Past Papers

http://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/papers/papers/2015/N5_Art-and-Design_QP_2015.pdf

http://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/papers/papers/2014/N5_Art-and-Design_QP_2014.pdf

Understanding Standards

The link below to the SQA website will allow you to see where markers have awarded marks to exemplar papers and read the markers' comments on the candidate's response. It is especially helpful in identifying where marks are awarded for analysis and for knowledge.

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/GAInfoNational5ArtDesign.pdf

