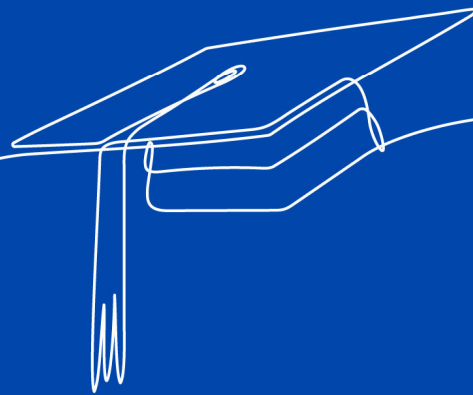




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Art & Design curriculum overview



Art & design at Sandymoor Ormiston Academy

Key stage 3, Years 7, 8 and 9

Our KS3 Art & Design curriculum aims to nurture creativity, confidence, and visual literacy in every pupil. We want pupils to explore a wide range of materials, techniques, and artistic traditions so they can express ideas, emotions, and observations with increasing skill and independence. Through studying artists, designers, and craftspeople from different cultures and time periods, pupils learn that art is a powerful form of communication and a vital part of human experience.

We encourage pupils to take creative risks, reflect on their work, and develop resilience through experimentation. They learn to analyse and evaluate artwork using appropriate vocabulary, building an understanding of how visual choices influence meaning. Ultimately, our intent is for pupils to leave KS3 with strong practical skills, an appreciation of artistic diversity, the confidence to create and respond to art with imagination and purpose, and the enthusiasm to study art further.

Key stage 4, Years 10 and 11

Our KS4 Art & Design curriculum is designed to prepare pupils for success in Art & Design GCSE using the AQA exam board.

Building on strong foundations from KS3, pupils will learn to create art inspired by a range of artists and works. They will develop their analytical and development skills and will show their creativity by creating an art portfolio of their own, working increasingly independently.

As well as leaving KS4 with a strong qualification in GCSE Art & Design, our intent is that this curriculum sets pupils up with the skills that will allow them a lifetime of enjoyment through art, and the ability to pursue a future in art and design and many related careers.

GCSE course information

Exam board	AQA	AQA
Course	GCSE Art & Design (Art, craft and design) (8201) [EDIT AS NEC.]	Art and Design: Textiles (8204)
Specification and resources	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design	GCSE Art and Design 8204 Specification AQA

Year 7

The Year 7 Art, Craft and Design curriculum is designed to build pupils' foundational practical skills and their knowledge of the domain, while nurturing their creativity and confidence. Pupils will develop the ability to observe carefully, think visually, and communicate ideas, feelings, and meaning through practical making.

The curriculum builds on Key Stage 2 experiences and introduces essential skills, materials, techniques, and formal elements of art. Students are taught to explore, experiment and reflect, while developing confidence in drawing, making and understanding the work of artists. Through a balance of practical and theoretical learning, pupils gain the knowledge and skills needed to progress successfully in art as they move through Key Stage 3; the content in Year 7 serves as a basis for deeper learning in later years.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Everyone's an artist	Everyone's an artist	Natural forms	Natural forms	Cultural exploration	Cultural exploration

Assessments will take place in January and June and we will share revision information a few weeks before each assessment.

Year 8

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Everyone's an artist	Under the microscope	Under the microscope	Under the microscope	Sculpture	Sculpture

Assessments will take place in January and June and we will share revision information a few weeks before each assessment.

Year 9

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Everyone's an artist	Architecture	Architecture	Portraiture	Portraiture	Portraiture

Assessments will take place in January and June and we will share revision information a few weeks before each assessment.

Year 10

In year 10, students will practise and refine a wide range of skills, draw inspiration from other artists' work and start to pull together their own art portfolio.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Skills workshops	Skills workshops	Component 1 (Sustained project)	Component 1 (Sustained project)	Component 1 (Sustained project)	Component 1 (Sustained project)

Year 11

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Portfolio development	Externally set assignment	Externally set assignment	Externally set assignment	<i>Exams</i>	<i>Exams</i>