

Art & Design | Fine Art | GCSE

TEACHER RESPONSIBLE FOR COURSE : Mrs V Crocker

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

The Fine Art course is an exciting and rewarding option which encourages an adventurous and self-motivated approach to Art and Design. Successful students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of past and contemporary Art and Design practise and be able to produce a personal response that embraces a range of creative, technical and skilful ideas.

The course requires the development of practical artistic skills through sustained investigations, but also critical and contextual analysis. It is important that St Peter's students have a commitment to and love of, the subject and feel motivated to develop visual skills and express their own ideas. This is achieved through painting and drawing, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, photography and mixed media. The coursework covers a range of activities and in-depth assignments. The main aim of the unit is to develop student's visual language skills and build confidence and a personal portfolio of work responding to set themes.

This course is suitable for students who are:

- Keen to develop their visual skills;
- Creative, enthusiastic, and imaginative;
- Able to sustain an investigation;
- Able to enjoy visits to galleries, museums, workshops and studios;
- Keen to experiment and take risks in their work;
- Able to review their progress and make improvements responding to feedback.

ASSESSMENT

UNIT 1 PORTFOLIO OF WORK 60%

UNIT 2 EXTERNALLY-SET TASK 40%

Within each unit, there are four assessment objectives (AOs) that are used to determine your grade:

AO1 DEVELOP ideas responding to art sources

AO2 REFINE ideas through media & technical experimentation

AO3 RECORD observations, ideas and experiences

AO4 PRESENT a personal informed and meaningful response

Progression

On completion of the GCSE Fine Art course, students have many options open to them. This may be continuing at A level or an equivalent course such as BTEC. This can then lead to an Arts foundation or a BA (Hons) in any Art or Design discipline. Alternatively, students may enter training and/or careers in art related vocations. Whatever the pathway the possibilities are truly endless. A good grade in an arts subject is also highly valued by higher education courses and universities, demonstrating an individual who thinks creatively and has the ability to work with greater independence.

Official Qualification Title: GCSE Fine Art

Examination Board: AQA

For further information please see Mrs Crocker, Art Department