Why Fine Art at GCSE?

Whilst you may have the details of the AQA Art and Design syllabus in your options booklet, you may still be asking this question. Here are some of our current students' answers to that, and some examples of theirs and other students' GCSE practical work.

Arya - Year 10

"Art is a sanctuary from my other academically demanding subjects - I like how it activates another part of myself that relaxes me in stressful times. Art GCSE is structured so that your workload is completely manageable - the time frames help you space out your work so you can purely focus on making some beautiful art!"



Arya's A2 charcoal drawing

Umayah - Year 11

"I took Art GCSE as I have always enjoyed art as a subject and found it as a time to develop my creativity. Also, the lessons are always enjoyable and it's a relaxing time away from other subjects. Doing Art GCSE, was and is a really fun experience. As long as you stay up to date, the work load is manageable and even if you are in the art room at lunch, it's always fun. The best part of the GCSE, is when you finish a piece and are proud of what you've done and that feeling makes the course even more enjoyable."

Umayah's pencil drawing based on her theme 'Distortion'



Gina - Year 11

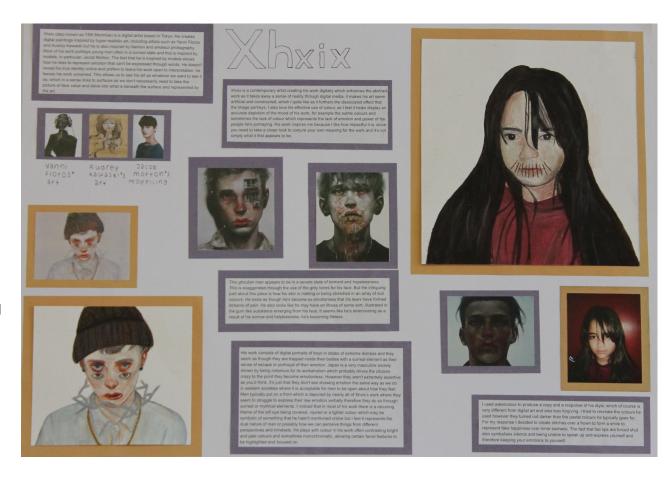
"I knew that I wanted to take Art GCSF as I've. always loved doing art in my spare time however I was apprehensive because so many people would complain and say it takes up a lot of time and was only doable if you were good at time management. However, whilst yes, you have to learn to organise your time, it's great- it's such a good subject to take your mind off the rest of the day and break up your timetable! I really recommend it because you have a lot of freedom in your compositions, the radio is always on and you have a chance to develop your creative ideas in any way you choose with help whenever you need it- i've got to say, it's one of my favourite lessons!"



Gina's A2 mixed media piece looking at 'Surfaces'

Alisha - Year 11

"I'd say I took art because it's a subject I've always enjoyed and it's a perfect break from all the academic subjects. It's a really calm subject but it also allows you to be as creative and as expressive as you want and also pushes you to improve your ideas so you actually become a better artist by the end. It's definitely one of my favourite GCSEs that I chose!"

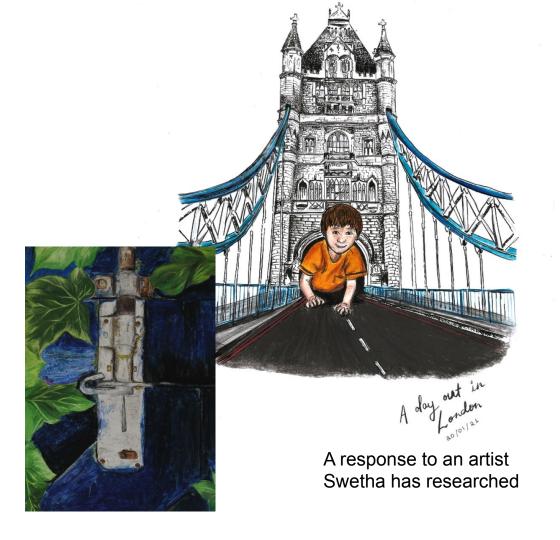


One of Alisha's artist research boards

Swetha - Year 11

"I chose Art, as I knew that it would be a subject where I could experiment with my work creatively, and take risks unlike other subjects."

Swetha's A3 oil pastel study



Some Y11 main pieces















