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FOWEY RIVER ACADEMY



The Visual Arts is a thriving sector within Fowey River Academy, our local community and worldwide. Students with creative skills are able to tackle real-world problems with innovation and ambition taking creative approaches and building skills. Within the Visual Arts Faculty we aim to encourage students to build confidence and independence in their own creative practice.

Visual Arts
OPTIONS



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FINE ART GCSE

The Fine Art GCSE course consists of exploring a wide variety of different media and techniques. Students will be introduced to new processes alongside familiar media. The course will involve drawing and painting, printmaking and ceramics. Students will need to be proactive and produce high quality research, ideas and outcomes. The first three semesters will be based on exploring different media through themes in a workshop-style format. This will develop confidence and skills to help with students' personal portfolio projects.

The personal portfolio is a project based on one theme. This project will run for two and a half semesters starting in the Year 10 summer semester and ending at Christmas. Students will then receive an exam paper from Eduqas which they will use to complete another full project. Students can choose their theme from the selection provided, they then research and develop ideas based on this topic. Students will then sit a 10-hour exam where they will create a final outcome for their exam theme.

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The Textile Design GCSE course consists of exploring a wide variety of different media and techniques. Students will be introduced to new processes alongside familiar media. The course will involve sewing by hand and machine, transfer, printing, weaving, felt making, silk painting, embellishments and many more. Students will need to be proactive and produce high-quality research, ideas and outcomes. The first three semesters will be based on exploring different media through themes in a workshop-style format. This will develop confidence and skills to help with their personal portfolio projects.

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Digital



Physical



Sculptural

Photography

The Photography GCSE course consists of exploring a wide variety of different media and techniques. Students will be introduced to new processes alongside familiar media. The course will involve digital and physical manipulation, editing, compositional techniques, exploring contrasts and more. Students will need to be proactive and produce high quality research, ideas and outcomes. The first three semesters will be based on exploring different media through themes in a workshop - style format. This will develop confidence and skills to help with their personal portfolio project.

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ASSESSMENT

A01

Development of ideas through sustained investigations.
Critical analysis of sources.

A02

Ideas are refined and explored, through creative experimentation, media, materials, techniques.

A03

Sophisticated recording of ideas and observations, through drawing, painting, photography.

A04

A personal and meaningful response with beautiful presentation.

How will I be assessed?

60% Personal Portfolio inclusive of a foundation period exploring media, ideas and different artists. A complete project based on a chosen theme from a selection.

40% Externally Set Task. A full project based on topics chosen by the exam board. This will be classroom-based for the majority of the project, however, it will culminate in a 10-hour exam.



Following on from a GCSE in Fine Art, Textile Design or Photography, students could move on to an A-Level course in Art and Design, Fine Art, Textiles, Photography or Graphic Communication. Students could also move on to a Level 3 BTEC/UAL Diploma or Extended Diploma course in Art and Design. Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics, Photography, Ceramics, 3D design. Having a creative GCSE opens many doors and allows students the opportunity to express themselves. Creative industries are the biggest growing employment sector and students could enter many different workplaces with a background in these creative options.



THANK

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