

What do you teach: Qualification and assessment

- **Introduction**

- At REACH School we aim to provide enjoyment through supporting and encouraging creativity, imagination and experimentation. Art is a subject that can help us to understand and give meaning to the world in which we live. Art effects everyone's lives and as such is an extremely valuable subject.
- We follow the Pearson Edexcel exam board and our students study GCSE Art, Craft and Design.

Component 1: Personal portfolio	60%
Component 2: Externally Set Assignment	40%

Our intent for an ambitious Art and design curriculum

Aims

REACH Art and design will ensure all students:


Respect themselves and others by engendering mutual respect and tolerance through exposure to different artists, cultures and ideas.

Have exciting career options, including: graphic designer, architect, illustrator, fashion designer; jobs in media, film and theatre, photographer and tattooist.

Are aspirational by develop problem solving, creative thinking, investigation, research, communication and teamwork skills, and gain the ability to develop, refine and present ideas. Employers and universities regard all of these highly.

Are courageous by demonstrating determination and resilience in their experimentations, qualities useful to any career. When studying Art a student will make mistakes and must have the courage to try different methods and techniques to start again, which builds their confidence. These are the skills employers value alongside qualifications.

Are happy because Art helps reduce anxiety and increases positive emotions. Communicating with colour, shape and form awakens the imagination.



Skills and Knowledge

At REACH school we aim to provide enjoyment through supporting and encouraging creativity, imagination and experimentation. Exploring a variety of media and techniques to inspire and challenge students. Art is not only a practical subject but also academic as it engages with history, politics and society, social, economic, cultural and spiritual aspects of the past, present and future.



Real World Experiences

Art is a reflection of society and culture. It helps us understand what we are as human beings and influences how we relate to each other. Students at REACH School studying Art will have opportunities to experience the work of other Artists through trips and workshops.



Future pathways

Studying Art at REACH School teaches determination and resilience, qualities useful to any career. When studying Art a student will make mistakes and must have the courage to try different methods and techniques to start again, which builds their confidence. These are the skills employers value alongside qualifications. There are a range of careers in Art and Design including graphic designer, architect, illustrator, fashion designer; jobs in media, film and theatre, photographer and tattooist.



Challenge

The study of Art at REACH School aims to engage, inspire and challenge. Equipping students with the creative knowledge and skills to participate in, experiment with invent and create their own works of Art.



Enriching

Studying Art enriches and compliments core subjects and . The transferable skills gained, such as creativity, analysis and problem solving, complement a range of other subjects and careers. Students will develop a wide range of qualities such as independence, enthusiasm, pride, tenacity and ambition, which in turn builds self-esteem.