

ART, CERAMICS & DESIGN



Course Content

Component 1

Component 1 is a workshop skills based internally assessed unit, which will continue until January.

Students are set a summer homework before starting the course which is used to inspire the theme of the workshops- this has previously included Surroundings, Decay and Destroy and Sky High. The workshops allow the students the freedom to explore a wide range of disciplines including drawing, photography, textiles/fashion, ceramics, print, painting and digital art. This allows them the confidence to specialise later in the course.

The four objectives that must be addressed in all coursework and externally set projects are:

- Developing ideas demonstrating analytical and critical understanding.
- Experimenting with and selecting appropriate materials.
- Recording observations and insights.
- Presenting, personal, informed and meaningful outcomes

Component 2

Component 2 is an internally set assignment and will last from February until May. Candidates select their own theme and specialisms. During the project students will complete 5 hours of unaided, supervised time as a mock exam. All work produced throughout and in the controlled session will be internally assessed and externally moderated by AQA.

Component 3

Component 3 asks students to produce a personal investigation based on an idea, concept or theme. They must continue to produce practical work related to their chosen topic and must also work within the same title that was chosen at AS level. The written component should be no less than 1000 words and no more than 3000. This unit is marked internally and then moderated externally by AQA.

Component 4

Component 4 is an externally set assignment and candidates select one from eight starting points. Students will be expected to produce a body of preparatory work and a set of resolved outcomes. Towards the end of the unit students will be required to complete 15 hours of unaided, supervised time, the first 3 hours of which should be consecutive. All work including the controlled assignment will be assessed internally and then moderated by AQA

Assessment

Comp.	Title	Assessment	A Level
1	Themes to be set	Non-exam assessment/portfolio Internally assessed	-
2	Individually chosen themes	Portfolio + 5 hour mock practical test Internally assessed externally moderated	-
3	Individually chosen themes	Portfolio + up to 3000 word study relating to practical. Internally assessed externally moderated	60%
4	Externally set themes	Portfolio + 15 hour to produce major outcome(s) Internally assessed externally moderated	40%