

# Parents' guide to controlled assessment – ART

<b>How much is it worth?</b>	<b>What has to be done?</b>	
<p>The Art GCSE is made up of 2 units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit 1 Personal Portfolio in Art and Design (60%)</li> <li>Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment (Exam) (40%)</li> </ul> <p>Unit 1 is the controlled assessment activity Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment (Exam) Involves 20 hours personal preparation on a set theme and a 10 hour work completed in an exam during which students produce a final outcome.</p> <p>Each unit is marked separately against the 4 Assessment Objectives. Each Assessment Objective is marked out of 20 making a total of a possible 80 marks for each unit. Last year in each unit; 78/80 was needed for an A* 66/80 for A 54/80 for B 43/80 for C 33/80 for D</p>	<p>The GCSE covers a range of activities and in-depth assignments. The work will be marked against the following Assessment Objectives.</p> <p>Students will be assessed on their ability to;-</p> <p><b>AO1:</b> develop their ideas through investigations informed by contextual and other sources, demonstrating analytical and cultural understanding. <b>(Examining the work of artists and responding critically to this, as well as showing how different sources influence and help develop ideas)</b></p> <p><b>AO2:</b> refine their ideas through experimenting and selecting appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes. <b>(Demonstrating skills in a range of different media, paint, pastel etc)</b></p> <p><b>AO3:</b> record ideas, observations and insights relevant to their intentions in visual and/or other forms. <b>(Working from observation, often drawing in a range of ways)</b></p> <p><b>AO4:</b> present a personal, informed and meaningful response, demonstrating analytical and critical understanding, realising intentions and, where appropriate, making connections between visual, written, oral or other elements. <b>(Producing a final piece that seems to link together different strands of preparation)</b></p>	
<b>When is it done?</b>	<b>Can parents help their children?</b>	<b>If the mark is low, can it be re-done or improved?</b>
<p>Unit 1 is carried out in Yr 10 and the first term of Yr 11. The deadline for Unit 1 is January.</p> <p>The paper, containing the theme, for the Exam (Unit 2) will be given out in mid-January. Students have 8 weeks in which to undertake their preparation. A 10 hour examination takes at the end of this period (usually over 2 days). This is usually scheduled in late March.</p>	<p>All work must be the students own, and authenticated by their teacher. All written work for both units has to be carried out under the supervision of the teacher in school.</p> <p>Discussing the theme and monitoring student's progress as well as encouraging students to visit a relevant Art gallery can all be invaluable.</p> <p>Student's work should show evolving, coherent ideas. They gradually develop their thinking and refine what they do – some discussion about how their ideas are developing and what they are trying to achieve may help bring some focus to this aspect of their work.</p> <p>They should critically annotate this development explaining the relevance of sources and what they have decided at different stages.</p>	<p>There will be an interim mark given for Unit 1 at the end of November in Yr 11. Students will be given a mark against each of the Assessment Objectives. General guidance will be given to all students about how each of the assessment objectives can be improved. Students will then have the period until the Unit 1 deadline in January to improve their work. An Art club will run one evening after school for students should they wish to make use of additional teacher support and the full range of materials available in the Art rooms. Students may ask for advice and assistance from their teacher during the preparation period for Unit 2 (Exam). During the 10 hour exam no help can be given. At the end of the examination all preparatory work and final outcome must be handed in and cannot be returned to.</p>