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# GCSE ART & DESIGN

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Achieving Excellence through a Values Driven Education

# Key Dates & Exam Information

## Exam Board: AQA

### Component 1 (coursework) 60%

This is a portfolio of work produced for projects set by the class teacher since the beginning of Y10 and is worth **60% of the final GCSE grade**. It is still ongoing with a final deadline of **Monday 27th April 2026** and consists of sketchbook work, final prints, edits and other related outcomes.

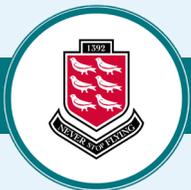
### Component 2 (10-hour exam) 40%

This is worth **40% of the final GCSE grade**. It is comprised of preparatory studies produced in response to a chosen exam question over a 12-week period and a final piece or pieces completed in 10 hours of exam time.  
**Upcoming exam sessions will take place during:**

- **25/26th March 2026 – 2 x 5h exam sessions (all day)\***

\*Students will remain in the Art Department for the whole day completing 5 hours of exam time plus their normal break and lunch time.

**NB** Preparatory studies **MUST** be handed in at the start of the first exam session which will take place – **W/C Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**.



# Assessment Objectives

**Components 1 and 2 are both assessed across 4 equally weighted assessment objectives:**

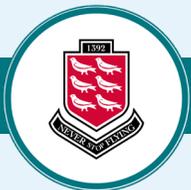
**AO1:** Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources **(24 marks)**

**AO2:** Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes **(24 marks)**

**AO3:** Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses **(24 marks)**

**AO4:** Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates an understanding of visual language **(24 marks)**

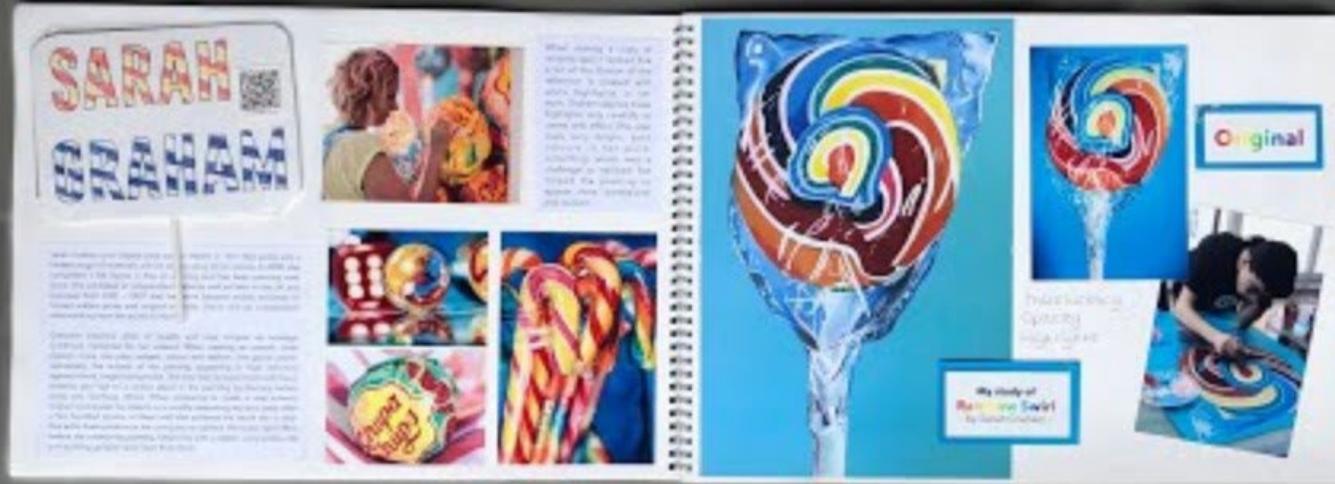
**NB.** Ensure that you complete all tasks outlined on the checklists supplied by your Art teacher; this will ensure full coverage of the assessment objectives. Any gaps in your exam prep or coursework is likely to have a significant, negative impact on your final grade.



# Student Exemplar

Top Tips for the 10 Hour Exam

## LEVEL 9 GCSE ART



SKETCHBOOK TOUR



# Component 1: Portfolio Example



**Keep going, keep seeking advice, keep adding and refining work, it will be worth it!**

**BEST OF LUCK EVERYONE!!!**

