

REVISED GCE AS & A LEVEL
Student Guide
Art & Design

For first teaching from September 2008

For first award of AS Level in Summer 2009

For first award of A Level in Summer 2010

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The study of Art and Design nourishes, enhances and celebrates students' creative, intellectual and artistic abilities.

CCEA's new GCE Art and Design course builds on the art, craft and design experiences gained by students who followed GCSE Art and Design or other similar qualifications.

The **AS** (Advanced Subsidiary)/**A2** structure of this GCE means you can study for the **AS** Level award, completing units AS 1 and AS 2 and then decide if you wish to continue to **A2** Level where you will complete the two additional units: A2 1 and A2 2. This will lead to an award for the **full Advanced GCE**.

Q. Why study GCE Art and Design?

The course aims to help you develop a wide range of skills and develop your knowledge, understanding and application of art, craft, media and technologies in current and past societies and cultures. It will also provide you with a solid foundation in Art and Design if you wish to progress to further education or employment. If you have an interest in, enthusiasm for or simply enjoy art, craft and design then this GCE course could be right for you.



Q. What do I need to take this course?

The course is designed to promote continuity and progression from the study of Art and Design at GCSE level and other similar art and design qualifications. The AS level builds on but does not depend upon the knowledge, understanding and skills developed at GCSE level. The GCE builds upon the knowledge, understanding and skills developed at AS.

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Q. What will I study and how will I be assessed?

Unit	Areas of Study	Unit	Areas of Study
AS 1	<p>Coursework Portfolio</p> <p>An opportunity for you to freely demonstrate and communicate artistic interests, visual curiosity, creativity and personal skills in art, craft and design.</p> <p>You choose the theme/starting point.</p> <p>You select the work which reflects your ability and personal achievement in relation to the assessment objectives for this course. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evidence of observations from primary sources; work in a range of media; and a final outcome from one area of art, craft or design. <p>60% of AS 30% of GCE</p> <p><i>Available Summer only</i></p>	AS 2	<p>Externally Set Assignment</p> <p>Theme/starting point is set by CCEA.</p> <p>Paper released in February.</p> <p>You produce preparatory work; and a final response which is completed within an 8-hour supervised examination period.</p> <p>40% of AS 20% of GCE</p> <p><i>Available Summer only</i></p>

Unit	Areas of Study	Unit	Areas of Study
A2 1	<p>Personal Investigation (coursework)</p> <p>Further opportunity for you to freely demonstrate and communicate your artistic interests, visual curiosity, creativity and personal skills in art, craft and design.</p> <p>The work you choose to present in an area of art, craft and design should stem from your strengths and personal interests in this subject.</p> <p>Work should consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visual investigations; and • written investigations (including an extended essay). 	A2 2	<p>Externally Set Assignment</p> <p>Theme/starting point is set by CCEA.</p> <p>Paper released in February.</p> <p>You produce preparatory work; and a final response which is completed within a 12-hour supervised examination period.</p>
30% of GCE	<i>Available Summer only</i>	20% of GCE	<i>Available Summer only</i>

Q. What can I do with a qualification in Art and Design?

A GCE in Art and Design provides a solid foundation for further study of art, craft and design at a higher level and for degree courses in other fields. Qualifications in art and design can lead to employment in many areas such as architecture, graphic design and fashion. The course will also provide you with creative skills valued by many employers.

How can I find out more?

There are a number of ways that you can find out more about studying Art and Design.

These include:

- Teachers at your school or college
- Students who are already studying the subject
- www.ccea.org.uk/artanddesign
- www.artscouncil-ni.org
- www.aade.co.uk
- Careers advisor
- UCAS www.ucas.com or CAO www.cao.ie for details on entry requirements for university courses

To view the full specification and the full range of support material available for GCE Art and Design, please visit the Art & Design microsite www.ccea.org.uk/artanddesign

