

Art and Design Lecture

7+GCSE grades



Assessment Objectives

Students must:		% in GCSE
AO1	Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources	25
AO2	Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes	25
AO3	Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses	25
AO4	Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language	25
Total		100%

Breakdown of Assessment Objectives

Component	Assessment Objectives				Total for all Assessment Objectives
	AO1 %	AO2 %	AO3 %	AO4 %	
Component 1: Personal Portfolio	15	15	15	15	60%
Component 2: Externally Set Assignment	10	10	10	10	40%
Total for GCSE	25%	25%	25%	25%	100%

Art, Craft and Design GCSE

You need to get the same grade on both Exam and Coursework to get your grade overall. It is easier to score higher on CW as you have 1.4 years to complete it. **Exam you only have 14 weeks, so speed and organisation is key!**


Assessment grid

7-9 marking area on assessment grid used to mark your coursework and **exam**.



Band		Limited			Basic			Emerging Competent			Competent and Consistent			Confident and Assured			Exceptional		
Evidence meets requirements		Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully
Marks	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AOs																			
AO1 - Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources	No rewardable material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ideas through investigations shows limited ability The investigation process shows limited critical understanding of the context of own ideas and the sources that have informed them 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ideas through investigations shows basic ability The investigation process shows basic critical understanding of the context of own ideas and the sources that have informed them 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ideas through investigations shows emerging competence The investigation process shows emerging competence in critical understanding of the context of own ideas and the sources that have informed them 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ideas through investigations shows competent and consistent ability The investigation process shows competent and consistent critical understanding of the context of own ideas and the sources that have informed them 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ideas through investigations shows confident and assured ability The investigation process shows confident and assured critical understanding of the context of own ideas and the sources that have informed them 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ideas through investigations shows exceptional ability The investigation process shows exceptional critical understanding of the context of own ideas and the sources that have informed them 		
AO2 - Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes	No rewardable material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited ability to refine work, driven by insights gained through exploration of ideas and reflection Limited ability to explore ideas through a process of experimentation and review Limited ability to select and experiment with media, materials, techniques and processes appropriate to personal intentions 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic ability to refine work, driven by insights gained through exploration of ideas and reflection Basic ability to explore ideas through a process of experimentation and review Basic ability to select and experiment with media, materials, techniques and processes appropriate to personal intentions 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging competence in ability to refine work, driven by insights gained through exploration of ideas and reflection Emerging competence in ability to explore ideas through a process of experimentation and review Emerging competence in ability to select and experiment with media, materials, techniques and processes appropriate to personal intentions 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competent and consistent ability to refine work, driven by insights gained through exploration of ideas and reflection Competent and consistent ability to explore ideas through a process of experimentation and review Competent and consistent ability to select and experiment with media, materials, techniques and processes appropriate to personal intentions 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confident and assured ability to refine work, driven by insights gained through exploration of ideas and reflection Confident and assured ability to explore ideas through a process of experimentation and review Confident and assured ability to select and experiment with media, materials, techniques and processes appropriate to personal intentions 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptional ability to refine work, informed by insights gained through exploring and reflecting on ideas Exceptional ability to explore ideas through a process of experimentation and review Exceptional ability to select and experiment with media, materials, techniques and processes appropriate to personal intentions 		

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Assessment grid (continued)

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Evidence meets requirements		Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully	Just	Mostly	Fully
<div>AOs</div> <div>Marks</div>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AO3 - Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses	No rewardable material	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limited ability to record ideas, observations and insights related to personal work and the work of others through visual and other methodsLimited ability to record relevant to intentions			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic ability to record ideas, observations and insights related to personal work and the work of others through visual and other methodsBasic ability to record relevant to intentions			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Emerging competence in ability to record ideas, observations and insights related to personal work and the work of others through visual and other methodsEmerging competence in ability to record relevant to intentions			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Competent and consistent ability to record ideas, observations and insights related to personal work and the work of others through visual and other methodsCompetent and consistent ability to record relevant to intentions			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confident and assured ability to record ideas, observations and insights related to personal work and the work of others through visual and other methodsConfident and assured ability to record relevant to intentions			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exceptional ability to record ideas, observations and insights related to personal work and the work of others through visual and other methodsExceptional ability to record relevant to intentions		
AO4 - Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language	No rewardable material	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limited ability to produce a personal and meaningful responseLimited ability to realise intentionsRealisations demonstrate limited understanding of visual language through application of formal elements			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic ability to produce a personal and meaningful responseBasic ability to realise intentionsRealisations demonstrate basic understanding of visual language through application of formal elements			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Emerging competence in ability to produce a personal and meaningful responseEmerging competence in ability to realise intentionsRealisations demonstrate emerging competence in understanding of visual language through application of formal elements			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Competent and consistent ability to produce a personal and meaningful responseCompetent and consistent ability to realise intentionsRealisations demonstrate competent and consistent understanding of visual language through application of formal elements			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confident and assured ability to produce a personal and meaningful responseConfident and assured ability to realise intentionsRealisations demonstrate confident and assured understanding of visual language through application of formal elements			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exceptional ability to produce a personal and meaningful responseExceptional ability to realise intentionsRealisations demonstrate exceptional understanding of visual language through application of formal elements		

How to get a 7,8 or even 9 at GCSE in your exam!

- Complete all **exam checklist tasks** fully asap=**Consistency**.
- To go above and beyond the basic requirements in written and practical work=**Exceptional ability** Attempt all **EXT tasks** on checklist.
- To have the 'wow' factor when you look at/read your work=**Exceptional ability**.
- Your **exam project 'Found' should flow** from beginning to end and any change in direction with idea or resources should be clearly explained and justified=**Consistency**
- Is everything thoroughly researched, physically tested out, planned and evaluated not just completed and dismissed?=**Consistency**
- Is your **timed 10-hour final piece a sustained piece of work**, e.g. resulting in your skills being refined and your **idea fully realised linking to the exam theme 'Found'**?=**Exceptional**

Grade boundaries from this year (June 2025):

7= 123+

8= 135+

9= 148+

Maximum mark 180
(CW and Exam
combined)

Awarding and reporting

This qualification will be graded, awarded and certificated to comply with the requirements of Ofqual's General Conditions of Recognition.

The raw marks for components 1 and 2 in this qualification will be scaled by Pearson to represent the relative weighting of 60% for Component 1 and 40% for Component 2. Any marks submitted by the centre should be in raw marks based on the assessment grids for components 1 and 2.

Component	Weighting	Raw marks	Scaling factor	Scaling mark
1	60%	72	1.5	108
2	40%	72	1.0	72

Examples of 7,8,9 work:

- Edexcel website exemplar gallery: (Component 2 is exam project examples)

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- 7-9 grade Toynbee student artwork visible on the walls in Reception and in the Art and Design Department Studios.

How to start working towards a grade 7,8, or 9 asap in the remaining timed, exam prep weeks left...

- Stay up to date with **weekly exam tasks in class and for HW.**
- Attend Art Club weekly every **Tuesday 3-4.30pm** to ensure you are doing everything you can to score high.
- Speak to Art and Design staff about your work-We are here to help.