



General Certificate of Education

Applied Art and Design (8511, 8513, 8516, 8517, 8519)

AA11-AF11 and AA12-AF12 Option units

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AA11-AF11 and AA12-AF12 – Option Units

Both Units AD11 and AD12 contain the same choice of options as found in ADO6, including Drawing, and painting or printmaking, Photography, film and video, Graphic design, Public art, Textile art and fashion and 3D design. However, the requirements for each option are different at AS and A2 and therefore candidates should pay particular attention to the requirements of each option. All options at A2 require candidates to produce an illustrated report relevant to the chosen option. Candidates must choose different options for study in AD11 and AD12 and as in the past years, the most popular option this series was Public art.

Some centres had brought in local artists to work with candidates or candidates had visited a studio or workplace. Briefs included ceramics for a local church, a sculpture for a garden centre; one particularly interesting submission for the photography option was a series of light drawing photographs for an energy supplier who wanted to convey light and energy. Candidates from one centre had worked on producing a vast mural in the centre's canteen where several younger students had been involved with this work. This was a good example of a vocational situation where the candidates had experienced managing a team of assistants.

Candidates are reminded that experimenting with relevant materials, developing alternative ideas and a high quality vocational outcome are all requirements for obtaining marks in the higher mark bands. The outcome of this particular unit should be fit for purpose and a written brief should accompany proposals.

Generally candidates made a choice of option based on their individual direction and the quality of the work followed their individual interests.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

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