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Units 11 and 12: Option Unit Alternatives A – F

Report on the Examination

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AA11/AF11 and AA12/AF12 – Option Units

These units contain the same options as those in Unit 6, including Drawing, and painting or printmaking, Photography, film and video, Graphic design, Public art, Textile art and fashion and 3D design. Each option has a different set of requirements including an illustrated report. Candidates must choose different options in Unit 11 and Unit 12. A mature standard of work was seen for these units this year, with candidates following their own interests and producing work that was obviously of value to them. Fashion, architectural ideas and printmaking were strongly in evidence, with promising results.

Design briefs varied from body art, textiles based on pebbles on a local beach, postcards to attract tourists to the local area, a bodice for an Elizabethan costume and a piece of art for a tapas bar. All the briefs were instigated and written by the candidates themselves. Candidates are quite independent by the time they are working on this unit, producing work that is important to them.

A good energy is generated in quite a few centres and candidates are clearly enjoying their opportunities to develop special interests. Good analysis and evaluative comments have been seen this year, with examples of summative illustrated evaluations, (although this is not a requirement for this unit). The balance of 2D and 3D work seen in centres this year, has been very good, if anything there was more accomplished 3D work. Submissions for Option D Public art and Option C Graphic design, were successful, with good computer input and some professional design outcomes were seen.

Candidates should remember that experimenting with relevant materials, developing alternative ideas and a high quality vocational outcome, are requirements for the higher mark bands. The outcome of this particular unit should have fitness for purpose and a written brief needs to be supplied. Generally, candidates made choices dependent on their individual direction and the quality of the work followed their own interests.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

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