

GCSE in Applied Art & Design

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Student Guide

What is an Edexcel GCSE in Applied Art & Design?

This is a work-related qualification designed to provide you with a choice of routes into further education or employment. A GCSE in Applied Art & Design is equivalent to 2 GCSEs.

What will I learn?

The Edexcel GCSE in Applied Art & Design will teach you:

- how to make images and objects
- about the materials, techniques and technology used by artists, craftspeople and designers
- about the range of career opportunities in Art & Design
- how to develop and present ideas to meet client needs.

How will I be assessed?

- You will produce a portfolio of work showing your 2D and 3D skills and your understanding of how artists communicate their ideas and feelings.
- Your portfolio will also evidence your use of different media and materials and how they are used in the workplace.
- You will complete a set project for the benefit of a client.

What can I do next with a GCSE in Applied Art & Design?

Progression routes could be the new Edexcel GCE in Applied Art & Design or an Edexcel BTEC National qualification in a specialist area such as Graphic Design, 3D, Photography or Fashion.

Because the qualification is more general, it keeps options open i.e. you could choose a mixture of relevant Edexcel GCE and GCE in applied subject qualifications in a school 6th Form or you could choose to go on to a relevant Edexcel BTEC qualification in a school or FE College. Both routes would allow progression to a degree in HE.