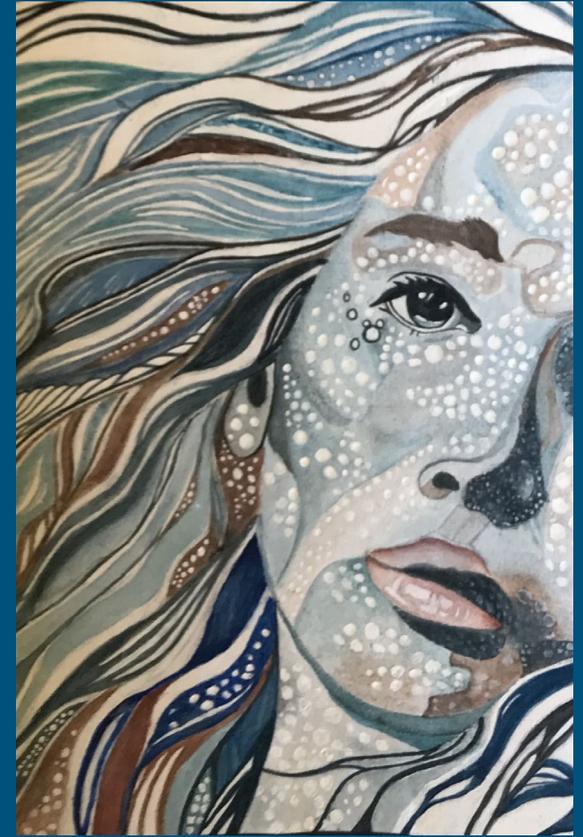
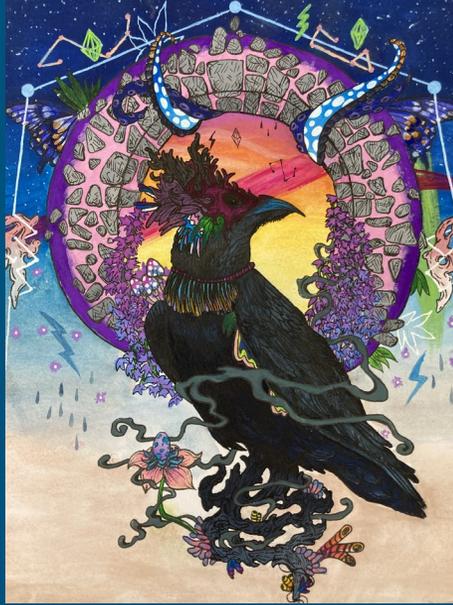


GCSE Art & Design



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"The WJEC GCSE in Art and Design is designed to provide engaging, challenging and meaningful learning experiences through a flexible structure that supports the development of creative practice. This rewarding and immersive programme of study broadens experience, develops imagination and technical skills, fosters creativity and promotes personal and social development.

The focus of the specification is to nurture an enthusiasm for Art, Craft and Design." WJEC

GCSE Art & Design coursework at Cefn Saeson. Pupils are required to study two themes for unit 1. This is worth 60% of the qualification – The 'Ocean' and 'Being Me'. The ocean theme runs over the first two terms, this is teacher led and covers all the skills required. Pupils are introduced to many new processes such as Monoprinting, Batik, Lino printing, and experimenting with dyes. The 'Being Me' unit is an exciting opportunity to create art that you want to do, inspired by artists that you like.

Exam

The exam is called Unit 2 and is worth 40% of the qualification. This is practical. Pupils respond to an exam paper that starts in January of year 11. Pupils have six weeks to prepare an outcome which is produced during a 10-hour exam (2 school days).



Staff

In the Art Department we have two specialist art teachers.

Miss Collins and Mrs Ellard (Head of Art). GCSE classes are taught by both teachers.



Careers

Research has found that half of 16-25-year-olds surveyed want to pursue creative careers, but many do not know what kind of job they can do...

A creative education that gives children the ability to express themselves and to appreciate the creativity of others is not only a good preparation for work, but it also helps children acquire confidence and tolerance, to have a better appreciation of the world.

Most importantly, it can encourage them to be more aware of and to express their own creativity and develop whatever talent they have, for their own enjoyment and, potentially, for the benefit of the economy and society at large.



Art careers come in all shapes and sizes. There are art industry jobs creating original works, selling and promoting them, and displaying them to the public in museums and galleries. There are jobs teaching others about art and jobs helping people to express themselves through art. There are also lots of art related jobs outside the world of art.

There are careers that help others such as an **Art Teacher** or an **Art Therapist**. **Art Lecturers** and **Art Technicians** in colleges and Universities.

A **Fine Artist** artists create original works of art. This can be in any medium, such as paint, wood, metal or textiles.

Illustrators use their painting or drawing skills to create images for products such as books, greetings cards, clothing, posters and animations.

<http://lightboxresource.co.uk/progression/careers-advice/>

5 Jobs You Can Do with an Art and Design Degree

Interior Designer

It's not just about making living and working spaces more beautiful; it's also about improving functionality and safety. If you've always had an eye for colour, harmony and good lighting, this may be the career for you. How Much You'll Earn... Around £24, 000 for a designer with 1 to 2 years' experience.

Fashion Designer

Many fashion designers say that they love their jobs because they adore creating clothing and drawing. How Much You'll Earn...£25,000 - £35,000.

Art Director

Online publications, print magazines and websites all need someone to coordinate their creative team to bring together advertising projects, layouts and more. How Much You'll Earn... Expect more than £35,000.

Industrial Designer

Industrial designers are responsible for crafting useful items like furniture, appliances and even cars. How Much You'll Earn... You could earn £30,000 depending on the company you design for.

Graphic Designer

This is a popular career and for good reason – graphic designers get to work on logos, illustrations, advertisements, visual concepts and fonts, merging them all into a coherent brand identity for their clients. How Much You'll Earn... Salaries are around £23,000 to start with.

Pupil views

The following are comments by our current Year 11 GCSE Art Pupils:

To take GCSE Art for your GCSE is amazing as it ensures that your creative side can flourish. It also helps with anxiety giving you a break from other subjects and the teachers help immensely.

I enjoy doing art as I have a very big passion for art and Mrs Ellard and Miss Collins help me any way they can to help me pass well.

I like GCSE art because you can show your artistic skills. If you need help the wonderful teachers will help you.

I enjoy GCSE art because you have a lot of creative freedom. It's a less stressful subject in comparison to others and you can complete pieces throughout. It isn't a subject you need to memorise facts for, it's mainly skill based.

I love art because you can be creative in your own way, and you can show your artistic side and I have a big passion for art. Mrs Ellard and Miss Collins will help you all the way through.

As soon as you hit GCSE Art, you get so much free reign over your art. It is nice to have a subject based on things you can choose instead of the one's that are linear and pre – defined.

I believe that taking art as one of your options is a great idea. Although there are more academic choices like Geography and History, Art helps you develop critical thinking skills and inspires your creativity. There is a lot of freedom compared to other subjects. However, there is more to art than just art skills. Our teachers are lovely, supportive teachers and encourage you to develop your art style in unique ways.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKjKx6PzajE>



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