

# How to Succeed in Art

## Course Information

<b>Exam Board</b>	<b>Edexcel</b>
<b>Exam Structure</b>	<b>Component 1 (60%), Component 2 (40%). Full Coursework.</b>
<b>Specification weblink</b>	<a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.html</a>
<b>Practice exam papers weblink</b>	<a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials</a>

## Units/Topics studied

### *Component 1 Internally Set Themes (60%)*

- *Contrast*
- *Identity*

### *Component 2 Externally Set Theme (40%)*

- 2025: *Gathering*

For all themes students produce a sketchbook that investigates that theme culminating in a final personal outcome completed during a 10 hour period of sustained invigilated focus. Investigations must cover the four assessment objectives:

- AO1: Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. (25%) (Research of artists and other contextual sources)
- AO2: Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes. (25%) (Quality of skills and range of experimentation)
- AO3: Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses. (25%) (The journey of the investigation through ideas and personal outcomes in books)
- AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language. (25%) (Larger scale single outcome pulling together ideas from book work)

## Revision strategies and materials

- *Edexcel GCSE Art Website Page*
- *Exemplar sketchbooks from former students available in 114 for students to look at*
- *114 open every lunch time except Wednesday for students to access to work in and seek advice from members of the art department*
- *Art Clubs open to all Y11 students Tuesday and Thursday after school*
- *Pinterest (@wa\_art\_dept has a range of example inspiration specifically curated to support students' current work)*
- *Instagram*