

# Shoeburyness High School

Year 9 Subject Information

## Art and Design

*GCSE Fine Art*



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74%

GCSE  
Grade 9-4  
(A\*)

Shoeburyness High School GCSE Performance

32%

GCSE  
Grade  
9-7  
(A\*-A)



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## Who should take this course?

- If your future career or pathway requires creativity, independent thinking and initiative
- If you enjoy communicating visually and expressing this through art and design
- If you love practical activities such as drawing, painting, sculpting and making things
- You don't have to be equally skilled in all areas but if you are happy to try things and learn from your mistakes, you will do well.
- If you'd prefer to complete coursework throughout the two years, without the pressure of a final written exam



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## Future Opportunities and Career Progression

The creative industries are the **country's fastest growing sector**, employing 2.9 million people in the fields of advertising, architecture, fine art, crafts, design, fashion, film, video games, software design, publishing and television. (Dept. Culture Media and Sport).

Even if your child decides not to study Art and Design beyond year 11, their work at GCSE will have developed their **resourcefulness, independence** and **imagination**, serving them well across a **wide range of job roles and university courses**.

Art and Design students develop themselves as **inventive** and **creative thinkers**; following their own interests with a **sense of discovery**, rather than simply remembering other people's ideas.

ART

BUSINESS

MATHS

Taking Art in combination in business and mathematics can lead to a wide range of creative and business related courses such as fashion or media management. The creative industries are already huge and are growing, so there are great opportunities for students who are able to combine creative flair with understanding of business and finance.

ART

PHYSICS

MATHS

This is the perfect A-Level combination for students looking to study architecture at university. Architecture applicants need to have good grades in maths and physics to demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles of architecture. They also need to align these practical skills with an understanding of creative thought and process, different styles and eras of architecture, and skills such as drawing and painting and a grasp of scale.



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## Career Progression

**Possible careers following further Art and Design studies include:**

Animator

Architect

Art Gallery/Museum Curator

Art Therapist

Artist

Ceramicist

Craftsperson

Fashion Designer

Film and Theatre Set Designer

Filmmaker

Furniture Designer

Graphic Designer

Hairdresser

Illustrator

Industrial Designer

Interior Designer

Jewellery Designer

Landscape/Garden Designer

Makeup Artist

Painter and Decorator

Photographer

Product Designer

Special Effects Designer

Tattooist

Teacher/Lecturer

Technician/Construction

Vehicle Design

Video Games Designer

Web designer



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**Don't just take our word for it.....**

Hear from some of our Art and Design students

Kira: "I recommend taking Art and Design as a GCSE, it is a **fun subject where you get to be creative and experiment with all different mediums** like clay, paints and pastels. The **teachers are really supportive** and help you generate ideas. They always **give positive feedback**. The **classes are always expressive** and we are **encouraged to be as creative as we can be**".

Michael: "I really enjoy my art lessons because you **learn new art techniques and get time to practise them**. The **lessons are fun** but you **still work hard**."

Nikita: "**My teacher is a true inspiration** to all of the students with her dedication to our learning, her amazing talent and her on-going patience."

Rose: "**Art has allowed me to not only think outside the box but forget where it was!** It has **introduced me to aspects of art** that I would never have discovered without the teachers' support."

Connor: "I chose art because I **enjoy drawing** and wanted to get better at it. I think I **have got better** and I have **learnt new art methods as well**"

Evie: "My teacher makes art so much easier. He gives us time to get the work done and is always there to help. He **makes learning exciting and fun** because he's always so happy and has a smile."

Joe: "My art teacher is caring, kind and an amazing teacher. He will **always go the extra mile ...**"

Zoe: "My art teacher's kindness and dedication has been a part in making me who I am today. I **always look forward to my lessons** as her kindness and supportive words make each day better."



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## **Subject Information:**

Our exam board is AQA. The course is 60% coursework and 40% externally set assignment:

### **Coursework**

- You will learn a wide range of new techniques, develop creative ideas, analyse others' art pieces and make 2D/3D artworks in Fine Art

### **Externally Set Assignment**

- You will be given a topic and have ten weeks to develop ideas for an artwork. You will then have two days under exam conditions to make the final art piece.



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## You will learn how to:

- Develop original ideas
- Record your concepts visually
- Analyse the work of other artists and designers
- Present your work so that it has maximum impact
- Recognise the strengths and weaknesses of your work
- Use a wide range of materials and techniques skilfully

## Materials and skills you will explore:

- **Fine Art:** pencil, watercolour, acrylic paint, oil pastel, chalk pastel, charcoal, ink, biro, clay, card, photoshop, photography, collage, colouring pencil.



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