

# **Craig Ormerod Associates Ltd.**

## **Subject Overview: Art & Design (KS4)**

### **YEAR 10**

Pupils spend the first term consolidating their existing skills, as well as exploring different materials and their uses within contrasting styles. During the second term, pupils begin their main project, which they will base on a chosen theme, for example, *Natural Form*. The four related AQA Assessment Objectives are:

- AO1: Researching ideas and artists
- AO2: Exploring materials and techniques
- AO3: Developing ideas and designs for a final piece of work
- AO4: Producing a final piece of art

### **Photography**

Pupils begin this term by re-familiarising themselves with various Photoshop techniques as well as developing their skills behind the camera. During term two, pupils start their first project based on a selected theme, such as *Close Up*, which covers the following Assessment Objectives:

- AO1: Researching ideas and photographers
- AO2: Exploring photography techniques
- AO3: Developing ideas and designs for a final piece of work
- AO4: Producing a final piece of photography

This project will be completed by May half-term. Pupils will then start their mock GCSE exam, which will follow the same process only with a different central theme.

### **Textiles**

Pupils spend the first term getting to grips with a variety of textiles and their applications. At the start of term two, pupils begin their first theme-based project, as they did during the previous module, with the emphasis on the following Assessment Objectives:

- AO1: Researching ideas and textiles artists
- AO2: Exploring materials and techniques
- AO3: Developing ideas and designs for a final piece of work
- AO4: Producing a final piece of textile-based work

This project will be completed by May half-term. Pupils will then start their mock GCSE exam, which will follow the same process only with a different central theme.

### **Graphics:**

Pupils develop a combination of skills including watercolour illustration and photo-manipulation. The main project within this unit of work is a children's book designed to showcase pupils' ability across a range of media, and sees them using Serif software such as PhotoPlus and DrawPlus to create professional-quality outcomes. This element of the coursework is worth 60% of the total mark and will be completed by the end of Year 10.

## **YEAR 11**

Pupils begin this year with their mock GCSE exam. Their final GCSE project, marked externally, starts in January of the second term.

Exam questions are set by the AQA Examination Board at the start of January. Pupils will answer a single question from the selection offered and be given approximately ten weeks of lessons to complete it, followed by two days (ten hours) in the graphics classroom. This part of the coursework is worth 40% of the total GCSE mark. There is no written exam in this subject at the end of Year 11.