

Next steps!

You can find out more about the GCSE in Art and Design by:

- visiting the Edexcel website at www.edexcel.com/gcse2009
- accessing the BBC Bitesize website at www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize
- talking to the Head of Art and Design at your school who will be able to describe the course in detail and advise you of what you need to do next when it comes to your options.

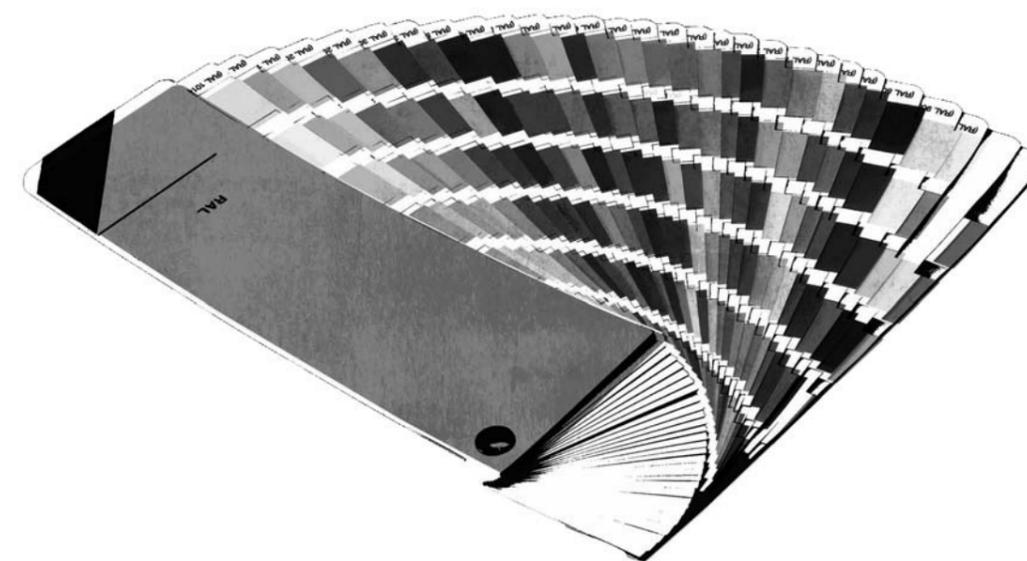
Art and Design Question:

Which artist cut off part of their own ear?

Art and Design Answer:

(c) Vincent van Gogh

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STUDENT GUIDE

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy:

- developing your visual skills
- being creative, enthusiastic and imaginative
- visits to galleries, museums, workshops and studios
- experimenting and taking risks with your work

then our GCSE Art and Design is the ideal subject for you.

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What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

You will, ideally have some experience of using art materials and processes, together with some knowledge of contemporary and historical art and design. More importantly, you should have a commitment to, and love of the subject and feel motivated to develop your visual skills and express your ideas in working through projects and assignments.

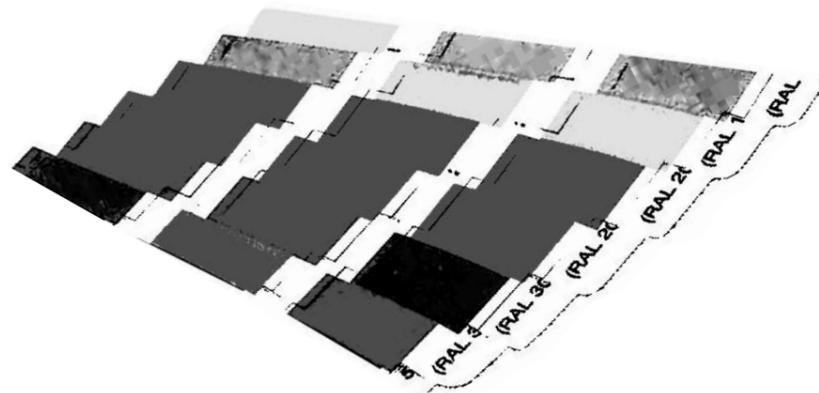
What will I learn?

The GCSE covers a range of activities and in-depth assignments. You will have the opportunity to experiment with different media in order to explore your strengths and preferences. There are a wide range of options within the different endorsements, or you may choose to work in several areas. Whatever you choose, the main aim of the course is to develop your visual language skills and for you to build a comprehensive portfolio of work to progress to further courses or employment.

Art and Design Question:

Which artist cut off part of their own ear?

- (a) Leonardo da Vinci
- (b) Pablo Picasso
- (c) Vincent van Gogh
- (d) Damien Hirst



How will I be assessed?

Unit 1 Personal Portfolio in Art and Design	Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment in Art and Design
Internally set and marked; assessed through controlled assessment.	Externally set theme and internally marked.
Each unit is assessed separately out of 80 marks. You will be assessed using 4 assessment objectives of develop, review/experiment, record, present.	

What can I do after I've completed the course?

On completion of your GCSE Art and Design course, you could progress to further education.

Courses at Level 3 include:

- BTEC Nationals in Art and Design
- the Diploma in Creative and Media
- GCE AS Art and Design.

If you choose to look for a job, you will have a portfolio of work that will evidence your ability to pursue a two-year GCSE course in art and design, covering different assignments and producing a range of work. There may be opportunities to work, for example, in local design offices, graphic companies and retail, or you may choose to be self-employed.

