Key Stage Four Curriculum: GCSE ART & DESIGN

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 10	Students will begin their first major project, an extended piece of Art & Design study in which they will explore a theme and the work of artists that will influence their own outcomes. The project will culminate in a personal response that shows clear inspiration and contextual understanding of the artists studied. Students will be familiarised with the processes and equipment used in GCSE Art & Design such as sketchbook skills and design sheet presentation.	The second major project will give students a wider choice of subject matter; they will hone their research skills and gain a stronger grasp of independent learning in preparation for YII. Over the course of the next two terms, students will explore and experiment with a range of Art & Design techniques.	Once the second major project has been submitted students will be introduced to a range of new art and presentation techniques that can be used later in the course. They will continue critical and visual studies through critique sessions.
Year 	Students will complete a 'Mock Exam' with preparation time of around nine weeks culminating in 5 hours of unaided practice in exam conditions. Extracurricular advanced skills workshops will be offered to those wanting to broaden their skillset. Once the mock exam is completed, students will have the opportunity to refine their portfolio ready for submission.	Exam Students will undertake the Externally Set Task (exam) that makes up 40% of their overall grade. Students will have around ten weeks to prepare, experiment and seek guidance from their teacher before completing ten hours of unaided practice and creating a final outcome.	Marking All coursework will be submitted for marking and moderation.