

Art & Design / Architecture (GCSE)

What will I learn about?

UTC Warrington offers a GCSE in Art and Design awarded by the OCR examination body. Over the 2 years students will develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of how Art and Design is utilised within a creative and visual world. All Units are underpinned by an interest in engineering, architecture and the built environment.

How is the course structured?

Year 10

Unit 1. An overview of Art and Design.

Exploring the key elements to gain an understanding of expectations of Art and Design at UTC Warrington. Students will develop their drawing ability, subject knowledge and understanding of colour, line, form and process.

Unit 2. The Built Environment

Students will study a habitat and built environment where communities are unwelcome by their immediate society. An example of this is the Favelas in Brazil. Students will learn how people have been resourceful and adaptable in creating their sense of place / home / community.

Unit 3. Conceptual Architecture

Students will study contemporary architecture, develop their understanding of ideas, processes and form. Using the work of Zaha Hadid and Ian Simpson as starting points students will design and develop their own structure.

Year 11

Unit 4. Natural Form

Through research and drawings students will appreciate the connection between the natural environment and architectural forms.

Unit 5. Externally Set Task.

OCR write 5 questions. Students select one question and research and respond in a personal and creative way. Students spend 10 hours creating a final piece.

How will my work be assessed?

Portfolio of work, 60% of total GCSE

Work produced over the two years will contribute to creating a portfolio of work. Work is levelled out of 4 assessment objectives and is worth a total of 120 marks.

External Set Task, 40% of total GCSE

Students are presented with 5 tasks and over a period of weeks are asked to respond to 1. During 10 hours students are to complete a final response. Work will be levelled out of 4 assessment objectives and is worth a total of 80 marks.

What can this qualification lead to?

A qualification in Art & Design / Architecture provides an initial step to an expanding number of exciting careers. Creative young people with artistic flair and skills will always be in demand and there are plenty of employment opportunities available, particularly in roles such as Engineering, Civil Engineer, Quantity Surveyor, Building Designer, Digital Production.

Qualifications in GCSE and A Level Art provide a stepping-stone for students to access many courses in Higher Education. Art is also a subject from which students can obtain a great deal of personal gratification.