

BTEC Tech Award in Art and Design

As this is a BTEC subject, there is no traditional written exams to revise for however please see below the information of how you can continue to support your child in BTEC Art and Design.

Course Outline

An overview of the course is there are two Components spread over Y10 and Y11.

Year 10

Component 1 has a weighting of **60%** of the final overall grade, completed in Year 10, which is a set paper from the exam board. This is then moderated in school by Mrs Brown and Mrs Mansbridge, then moderated again by an external examiner.

This is delivered through lessons during workshops and supervised sessions. Pupils complete research and investigations into themes and artists, create their own artwork in response, then plan and refine towards a final outcome, then create a final outcome, all while annotating their work. Grades are released on results day in **August 2026**.

Year 11

Component 2 has a weighting of **40%** of the final overall grade, completed in Year 11, which is a set paper from the exam board which is then moderated and assessed externally by BTEC. In January 2026 Y11 students will receive the Component 2 paper which includes a time frame for assessed prep work in lessons which includes research, artwork, annotations and planning towards an outcome. All this prep work must be completed for by the time students will begin their exam time. This will be over two and a half days in the art room under controlled supervised conditions with their art teacher. Over these days they have timed assessments which includes a development review (in depth annotation), create a final outcome and create a digital portfolio to include all their prep and exam work. All this work is sent digitally to the exam board to be moderated and assessed.

In September of 2025 Y11 pupils will be doing workshops on these tasks such as a mock development review and digital portfolio to prepare them for these tasks plus workshops on art techniques.

Grading and Results

Both these components 1 and 2 create the overall mark the pupils will receive.

Grading is awarded at Level 2 from a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*. If pupils work is not completed or the skill level is not as required, pupils may achieve a Level 1 course, but this is not the same weighting as a Level 2 (equal to a GCSE). For Component 1 after the art department has moderated a provisional mark is given but grade boundaries can change after BTEC examiners have completed their moderation visit. Component 2 is only assessed digitally by BTEC examiners.

Grades for Component 2 and overall course grades will be available on Y11 results day in **August 2026**.

Course Expectations and Support

BTECS are vocational courses so students must consider clients and a target audience making sure the artwork is fit for purpose like a professional artist would for commissions.

All BTEC work in both components must be completed under teachers' supervision in controlled assessments and work must not leave the Art department.

Therefore, as a department we offer **catch up** sessions on **Tuesday** after school for pupils to complete any unfinished work which is vital as all work must be submitted to gain the marks required. All tasks in both units must be completed to best of pupil's abilities to gain the marks. Mounted up sketchbooks in Unit 1 are vital to show the artwork in an effective coherent way. Homework is set by teachers to enhance and complete tasks to gain more marks so need to be taken seriously and completed.

It is advised to all pupils to take advantage of attending art catch up sessions that are on every Tuesday after school in the art department. This is a good opportunity for pupils to complete or catch up on unfinished work and have access to the practical art rooms, materials and specialist equipment. Teachers will also be available for support and help.

Y10 Important Dates

Year 10 have begun their Component 1 since September 2025 with a great theme of Consumerism.

Pupils are taught in workshops then create their own work in response to the theme and they mount up their work in sketch books at school.

This term pupils have been working on Learning Aim 1 and have been researching ideas, images, themes and artist which will soon lead them into making practical artwork in response of their own ideas. Annotations and development of ideas to refine for a final outcome will be the next steps.

Pupils have been given a due date of **Friday 27th March 2026**.

It's incredibly important all work is completed with all tasks done to the best of their ability for this due in date as this is worth 60% of their final Y11 grade.

There is also a planned Art Immersion date on **Tuesday 17th March 2026** which means all students will be off timetable in the art room to complete final pieces plus any other work for Component 1 to support them for the upcoming deadline of **Friday 27th March 2026**.

This is also to cover any lessons impacted from our upcoming Y11 Art exams.

When pupils have completed their Component 1, we have time in the summer term to cover any areas we or pupils feel needs more attention and to run workshops where pupils are given the opportunity to request any skills or techniques they would like to learn and experiment with to help them develop as artists before Y11 begins.

Year 11 Important Dates

Since September of 2025 Y11 pupils have been doing workshops on practicing Component 2 tasks such as a mock development review and digital portfolio to prepare them for these tasks in January plus workshops on art techniques to help develop their skill set and knowledge.

Component 2 will be begin in January 2026 in controlled conditions through art lessons creating the assessed prep work required until the two and half days of the exam dates. The dates are **Wednesday 22nd April, Thursday 23rd April and Friday 24th April 2026**.

There is also a planned Art Immersion date on **Monday 20th April 2026** which means all students will be off timetable in the art room to complete any assessed prep work for

Component 2 to support them to be ready for the upcoming deadline of exams days beginning **Wednesday 22nd April 2026**.

Teacher Contact

If you have any questions about the course or your child's progress, please contact the course leader jbrown@noadswood.hants.sch.uk