

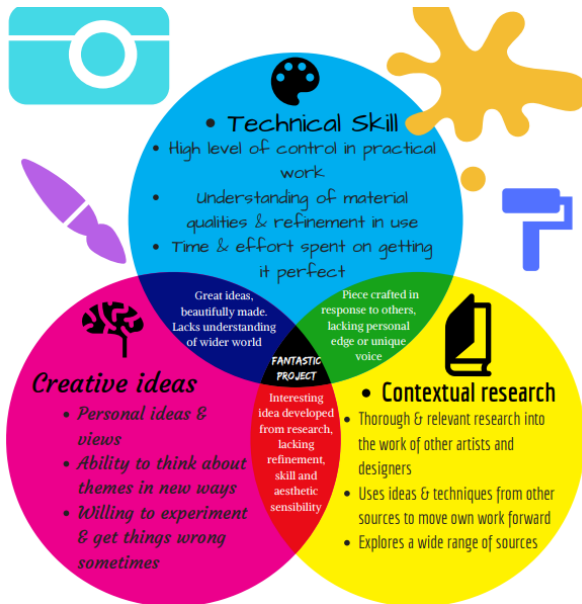
Subject: **GCSE Art and Design Fine Art**

Exam Board: **AQA**

Date of exam: Externally Set Task (practical 'exam'): **Thursday 30th April & Friday 1st May 2026**

Revision Strategies:

The externally set task (ESA) commences the first school day after the 1st January when exam papers are given to students and they select from a choice of 8 titles.



GCSE ART & DESIGN

WHAT MAKES A GREAT PROJECT

All subsequent lessons and homework tasks leading up to the exam (the 'preparatory period') require students to complete practical investigations, drawings, collect resources, investigate artists and experiment with media to enable them to complete a personal and final response during their 'exam'.

As the final part of the ESA is a 10-hour practical 'exam' completed over 2 school days, students will know exactly what they are producing as this will have been planned for and practiced in lessons. Students will be able to take all their preparatory work into their lessons with them.

The best strategy is to make sure they pick a theme that they can collect resources for, that is of interest to them and will showcase their best ideas and work.

Keeping up with deadlines is vital as **students cannot add anything else to their preparatory work once the practical exam commences**, and all work for the ESA is then submitted on the final day of the exam.

Useful websites and resources:

- <http://www.tate.org.uk/home/default.htm> The Tate Gallery
- <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/> The National Gallery
- <http://www.npg.org.uk/live/index.asp> The National Portrait Gallery
- <http://www.royalacademy.org.uk/> The Royal Academy of Arts
- <http://www.hayward.org.uk/> The Hayward Gallery
- <http://www.ica.org.uk/> The Institute of Contemporary Arts
- <http://www.vam.ac.uk/> The Victoria and Albert Museum
- <http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/> The British Museum
- <https://www.studentartguide.com/featured> Student art projects to inspire
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjymp9q> / BBC bitesize art and design AQA

