KINGSWINFORD ACADEMY
ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

Year 11 Achieve Excellence - Parent Support Guide
Art and Design (Fine Art, Photography, 3D Design and Textiles)

Key Exam Information:
Exam Board: AQA

Assessment

Coursework (60% - Component 1):
This part of the course runs from the start of Year 10 until December 2026. All coursework must be completed and submitted by **December 18th, 2026**.

Exam (40% - Component 2: Externally Set Task - EST):
The exam paper will be given to students during the first lesson in January. After that, students will have time until their scheduled exam date to work on a project based on a question they choose. The official exam itself lasts **10 hours over two regular school days**, during which students will create their final piece. All work for the exam must be submitted by the **first** day of the exam.

Course Overview:

For the remainder of the course, all students will be working on their coursework, aiming to meet the deadline of **December 18th, 2026**.

In January, students will receive their exam paper (the exact content is unknown beforehand). However, the coursework completed so far has fully prepared them to approach this with confidence. From January until their exam dates, students will focus on completing the exam project.

Key content/ skills covered:

All students should make sure their work is done to the best of their ability. They will be involved in artist research, drawing, making, creating, painting, producing, and experimenting. This work is all preparation for their exam and the creation of their final pieces.

Dates of key assessments and deadlines:
Coursework (60%) September 2025 - December 2026
Exam (40%) January 2027 - April 2027

Mock exam dates:
Friday 9th October Photography
Monday 12th October - Fine Art
Tuesday 13th October - Textiles
Wednesday 14th October - 3D Design

Exam Dates:
Are yet to be finalised but will be during April.

Links to revision sites/ resources:

AQA Art and Design (Art, Photography and Textiles) specification:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201/specification

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