Exam Ready

OCR GCSE Art & Design – Exam Ready Checklist

- Exam Dates: (10 hours in total)
- Mormal school breaks apply
- Full school uniform required
- You will sit in your assigned seat with your name & candidate number
- No phones, computers, or printing allowed on exam days
- Tou may bring sweets, but they must not make noise

Final Preparations Before the Exam

- Sketchbook: Ensure it is up to date with research, development, and annotations
- Reference Images: Print and organise all necessary photos (you cannot use your phone)
- Plan Your Final Piece: Have a clear composition, colour scheme, and materials planned
- ✓ Practice Techniques: Ensure you are confident in the techniques you will use
- Check the Assessment Objectives: Ensure your work covers all AOs

Exam Strategy

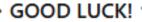
- ✓ Plan your time wisely 10 hours over two days
- **✓ Follow your sketchbook plan** don't go off track
- ✓ Start with a light sketch map out your composition
- **✓ Build up layers gradually** don't rush the details
- ✓ Stay calm and focused take deep breaths if needed
- ✓ Leave time to refine your work check for final details

What to Bring to the Exam

- Your sketchbook (with all research, ideas, and planning)
- **Printed reference images** (as you cannot print on the day)
- Tissues, wipes, or a cloth for cleaning up
- Water pot (for paint)
- Palette (if using paint)









Stay organised, work confidently, and enjoy creating your final piece!



How to Be Ready for the Practical Exam

Understanding the Assessment Objectives (AOs)

Your final piece and supporting work will be marked based on the following four assessment objectives:

- ♦ AO1: Develop Ideas
- Show artist research and how their work has influenced your ideas
- Demonstrate your understanding of themes, messages, and styles
- Use annotations to explain your thought process

♦ AO2: Experiment with Materials & Techniques

- Show a variety of techniques and materials in your sketchbook
- Test different compositions, colour schemes, and textures
- Develop your skills and refine your ideas based on experiments

♦ AO3: Record Observations

- Include high-quality drawings, photographs, or other recordings of your subject
- Use detailed annotation to explain decisions, thoughts, and influences
- Show development of your theme in a clear and thoughtful way

Exam AO4



♦ AO4: Present a Personal & Meaningful Response

- Your final piece should be a well-planned and personal response to the theme
- It should clearly link to your artist research, experiments, and recorded ideas
- Show confidence in your technique and refine your work carefully



