

Exam Ready

OCR GCSE Art & Design – Exam Ready Checklist

- 📅 Exam Dates: (10 hours in total)
- 🕒 Normal 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
- 🍬 You may bring sweets, but they must not make noise

⌚ 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

📁 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

📖 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)

🌟 GOOD LUCK! 🌟 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**

Sketchbook
AO1, AO2, AO3

