

Junior School Assessment Guidelines for Year 8 Art and Design

September - June

Year 8: September - December

Course Overview: Underwater/sea-life- An investigative unit of work focused on learning and developing new skills (drawing/mark making, line, tone, texture and colour theory). There will be an emphasis on developing imagination and the use of the sketchbook as a visual diary.

- **Assessment Task:** Students will produce a piece of creative writing based on studying the work of artist Vincent Scarpace. An overall mark of 20 will be awarded for the written assessment task.
- **Continuous Assessment:** Students will be assessed on observational drawing of beach objects, specified homeworks relating to classwork, one imaginative painting and one painting in the style of related artist Vincent Scarpace. An overall mark of 60 will be awarded based on use of media, technique, experimentation and personal/creative response.
- **Christmas Exam:** Students will sit an observational drawing exam focused on practising skills and techniques learnt throughout the unit of work. A mark out of 20 will be awarded for this piece of work.

Year 8: January - March

Course Overview: 'Myself' / Portraits

- **Assessment task:** Students will produce a piece of creative writing based on studying the work of artist Frida Kahlo. An overall mark of 20 will be awarded for the written assessment task.
- **Continuous Assessment:** Students will be assessed on a pencil self-portrait (line, tone, form) and an imaginative painting based on the style of chosen artist e.g. Picasso. There will be an emphasis on proportion and composition. . An overall mark of 80 will be awarded based on use of media, technique, experimentation and personal/creative response.

Year 8: April – June

Course overview: African masks

- **Continuous Assessment:** Students will be assessed on class tasks such as researching African masks, designing a mask based on their research and class resources and creating a mask in 3D from 2D drawing and painted studies.
- **Summer Exam:** Students will be assessed on the skills they have developed through an observational drawing exam.