

AS/A Level Art and Design: **Unendorsed**

(Available for teaching from September 2008)

The unendorsed route through this specification gives candidates a rounded exposure to different aspects of art and design, allowing them to display their abilities in a variety of artistic disciplines and demonstrate their understanding of these contexts.



What are the benefits to me and my students of delivering this OCR specification?

- Supports breadth and depth of study by building on the strengths of the previous specification.
- It cuts the assessment burden on candidates with just two units at AS and two units at A2 – in each case one is coursework, one is examined.
- With both endorsed and unendorsed routes on offer, candidates can take more than one as a qualification.
- Inclusive, accessible exam papers for all routes.
- Thorough and transparent moderation process.
- This new specification is excellent preparation for candidates wishing to progress to art college or to engage in careers involving the visual arts, with new technology involved where appropriate.

The unendorsed route exists for candidates wanting to submit work from more than one endorsement.

AS Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional?
Coursework Portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates produce a portfolio of work from starting points, topics or themes determined by their centre. • The focus is on including work that shows exploration, research, acquisition of techniques and skills. • Candidates must produce and submit practical work that shows evidence of working from at least two of the endorsed areas. 	Mandatory
Controlled Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates select one starting point from an early release question paper. • Candidates must be given a minimum of 3 weeks in which to plan and prepare. • Candidates are then given 5 hours of controlled time to work on developing their idea into a realisation/outcome. • Candidates can choose a specific endorsement route to follow for this unit. 	Mandatory

A2 Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional?
Personal Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates submit one major project which has a personal significance. • The investigation includes a related personal study that must be between 1000 – 3000 words. • Candidates can choose a specific endorsement route to follow for this unit. 	Mandatory
Controlled Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates select one starting point from an early release question paper. • Candidates must be given a minimum of 3 weeks in which to plan and prepare. • In 15 hours of controlled time, candidates work to plan and then realise ideas into a final outcome. • Candidates can choose a specific endorsement route to follow for this unit. 	Mandatory

How is this qualification assessed?

Coursework units are internally set and externally moderated. Examined units are externally set through an early release exam paper, internally marked and externally moderated.

Examinations series are available in June only.

Dates of first examinations

AS

First examination available from June 2009.

A2

First examination available from June 2010.

What support will I receive?

Training

There will be a programme of INSET training for teachers.

Resources

You can download all the following resources from the OCR website – www.ocr.org.uk.

- Exemplar work and guidance for all units will be provided in a Teacher's Guide.
- Specimen Assessment Materials will be available for the examined units.

For more information please contact the OCR Customer Contact Centre on **01223 553998**, or visit www.ocr.org.uk where you will find separate web pages for the endorsed and unendorsed routes.