

A photograph of two students in an art studio. On the left, a young woman with curly hair and glasses, wearing a black shirt and a blue apron, is painting on a canvas mounted on a wooden easel. On the right, a young man with dark hair, wearing a white shirt, a striped tie, and a blue apron, is looking at a canvas on another easel. The background shows other art supplies and a bright orange wall.

GCSE ART AND DESIGN

YOUR GUIDE TO SWITCHING TO EDUQAS

[EDUQAS.CO.UK/ART&DESIGN](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/art&design)

WHY SWITCH TO EDUQAS FOR GCSE ART AND DESIGN?

Eduqas' GCSE in Art and Design engages and challenges learners, developing their creative practice while nurturing their enthusiasm.

The qualification supports learners in developing critical, practical and theoretical skills, enabling them to gain a holistic understanding of a wide range of practices and contexts across the visual arts, crafts and design fields.

Flexibility and choice are built into our GCSE Art and Design qualification, with a significant coursework element alongside an externally set assignment, allowing learners to respond creatively while demonstrating their knowledge and skills.



More reasons to choose Eduqas

- Accessible, reliable assessment
- Easy access to specialist subject support
- Free high-quality teaching resources
- Expert-led training opportunities
- Access to our Art and Design Teacher Network

ACCESSIBLE , FLEXIBLE ASSESSMENT THAT FITS YOUR LEARNERS

Simple Assessment Model

Our specification includes 100% NEA, comprised of a Portfolio unit and an Externally Set Assignment

Open Choice Of Appealing Themes

The Externally Set Assignment paper offers an open choice of appealing themes, visual assignments or written briefs.

Suitable For Any Discipline

Opportunities for flexible teaching approaches allow teachers to make the most of the resources and expertise available at their centres.

Flexibility For Centres

Tasks are suitable for any art, craft or design discipline, including the 100 or more disciplines across the seven titles.

Supports Best Practice Delivery

Content enables teachers to continue with best practice and confidently plan and deliver programmes that work to the interests and abilities of their students.

Breadth Of Study Across Titles

Breadth of study within a range of titles is designed to enable students to develop and demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills.

Critical And Contextual Studies Option

We offer Critical and Contextual Studies as a title option.

Discipline-Specific Guidance And Free Resources

We provide an extensive portfolio of marked exemplar work and a wealth of resources freely available on the website, including Guidance for Teaching.



SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

Component 1: Portfolio

60% of Qualification: 120 Marks

A major practical portfolio and outcomes based on internally set themes and subject matter, developed from personal and/or given starting points. The component is internally set and assessed, and externally moderated.

Learners select, evaluate and present their own work for assessment, providing evidence against all assessment objectives. There is no time limit; the duration is determined by the centre.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment

40% of qualification: 80 marks

Set by WJEC Eduqas, assessed by the teacher and externally moderated

Part 1: Preparatory study

From January, learners select one externally set theme, visual stimulus or written brief and develop a personal, creative response through preparatory practical, critical and contextual work.

Part 2: Sustained focus (10 hours)

Learners resolve their ideas in 10 hours of supervised sustained focus work, scheduled by the centre. Preparatory work and sustained focus work are assessed together against the assessment objectives.

ALL THE SUPPORT YOU NEED TO TEACH WITH CONFIDENCE

Alongside our clear and accessible approach to assessment, Eduqas also offers a comprehensive package of support for teachers:

Easy access to support, including free in-person visits

Our subject experts are just an email or call away. Eduqas teachers can also access free advice and guidance both online or in-person from our Regional Support Team.

Free high-quality teaching resources

Our free online teaching resources are designed by an expert team to help guide teachers and learners through our specifications, and include:

- Exam Walkthroughs
- Knowledge Organisers
- Interactive Online Blended Learning materials
- An extensive range of Student Exemplars.

Expert-led training opportunities

Our comprehensive programme includes both free online exam feedback sessions and paid face-to-face training opportunities.

Comprehensive Assessment Feedback

Eduqas centres can access our free post-exam [Assessment Feedback package](#), including Principal Examiner reports and online feedback sessions.

Get more reasons to switch at [eduqas.co.uk/switch](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/switch)

HOW TO SWITCH TO EDUQAS

Switching to Eduqas is a straightforward, three-step process:

1

Register your interest in teaching with Eduqas

Visit [eduqas.co.uk/switch](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/switch) and complete the Register Your Interest form. This helps us better support you through the switching process.

2

Ask your Exams Officer if your centre is registered with Eduqas

If not, they will need to contact us at centres@wjec.co.uk to register. Once your centre is registered, your Exams Officer can provide you with access to our Portal, which you will need to complete key processes and access exclusive resources.

3

Visit your qualification page for everything you need to get started

You can find this by going to [eduqas.co.uk/qualifications](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications) and searching for your subject. Here you'll find links to everything you need to start teaching with Eduqas:

- Your specification
- Guidance for teaching
- Contact details for your Subject Officer
- Free digital teaching resources
- Training opportunities
- Key dates for your qualification
- Past Papers and Mark Schemes

Now you're ready to start teaching with Eduqas – but if you need more guidance, contact our Support Team on hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk, or discover training opportunities at [eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning).

OUR FREE ONLINE RESOURCES



Assessment Videos (Exam walkthroughs)

Materials aimed at learners provide practical hints on approaching examination questions and preparing for NEA.

PPTs with audio walk through and guide to presenting NEA work.

NEA Walkthroughs

Aimed at learners, these materials offer practical hints and tips on how to effectively prepare for NEA.

There is a PPT for each AO with audio and a script which provide a step-by-step guide to preparing and presenting NEA work.



OUR FREE ONLINE RESOURCES



Knowledge Organisers

Our Knowledge Organisers collect all the key information on a topic of study into an easy-to-digest format.

They're an ideal self-study or revision tool for learners, but they can also be useful for teachers in the classroom as the basis of quizzes or discussions.

Explore our full range of resources:
www.eduqas.co.uk/resources



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Eduqas offers a comprehensive range of professional learning opportunities to help you teach with confidence.

Our expert-led training programme provides all the support you need to enhance your teaching and successfully deliver our qualifications.

Assessment Feedback Package

Our Assessment Feedback Package is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated.

This integrated suite of resources and training includes:

- Free access to Principal Examiner reports
- Free Online Assessment Feedback sessions
- Paid face-to-face training events

Learn more: www.eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning



ACCESSING SUPPORT

Our **Regional Support Team** operates across the UK, and is available to help you teach Eduqas qualifications with confidence.

As an Eduqas teacher, you can access their support for free online or in-person at a time and place that suits you.

Each member of the team is an experienced former teacher who understands the challenges of the classroom.

They can provide you with all the support you need to help your learners succeed, including:

- help switching to Eduqas
- expert insight into your specification
- answers to your questions on assessment
- guidance on accessing our free digital resources, and more.

Contact the team:
hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk

MEET YOUR GCSE ART & DESIGN REP



Hayley Sheard

“My work involves helping teachers transition to Eduqas and supporting centres as they deliver our specifications in both face to face and online meetings.

The most fulfilling part of the role is hearing that my guidance has helped teachers feel confident in preparing learners for assessment.

If I had to sum up what makes Eduqas special, it is the supportive team and the commitment to giving teachers the resources they need to help learners achieve.”

Thinking of switching? Contact Hayley at hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk or [request an informal online chat through our booking page](#).

What Teachers Say:

“Eduqas has provided transparency and support as well a genuine interest in the Visual Arts. This has instilled a sense of value and trust in the relationship with have with them. Switching to this board was the best decision, and we wish we had done it sooner.”

Lucy Cooper,

Head of Art and Design, The Godolphin and Latymer School

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