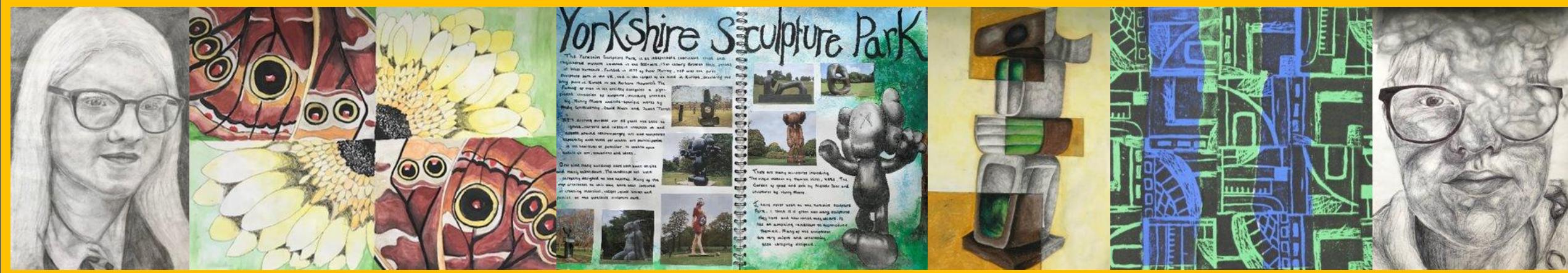
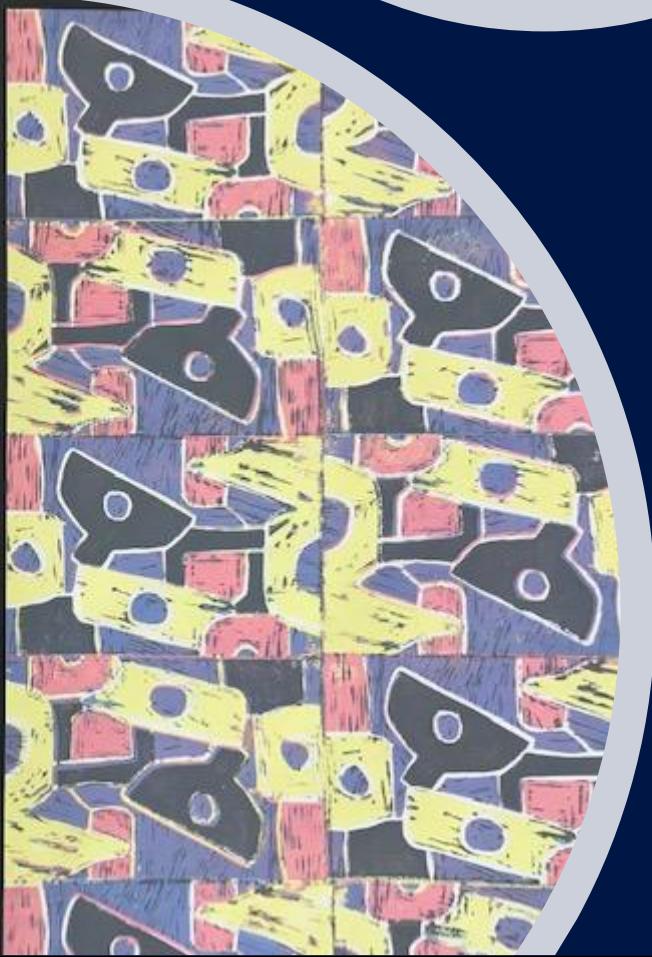


YEAR 9 OPTIONS PRESENTATION

GCSE ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN



Students begin their GCSE coursework in Year 10 and the course is taught over two years following the AQA Art, Craft and Design specification. The course is structured to not only develop the skills that have been taught throughout Key Stage 3 but to also meet the four assessment objectives. Students are encouraged to be independent learners and reflective thinkers, they become confident in taking risks and learn from experience when exploring and experimenting with their own ideas, techniques and processes. They are encouraged to develop knowledge and understanding of art, craft and design in historical and contemporary contexts, through their own exploration of art history and the use of contemporary methods such as Pinterest and Instagram.



Why should you study Art at GCSE?

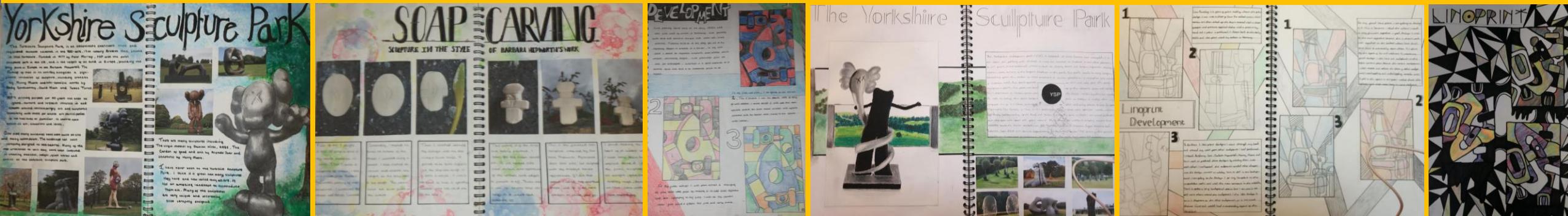
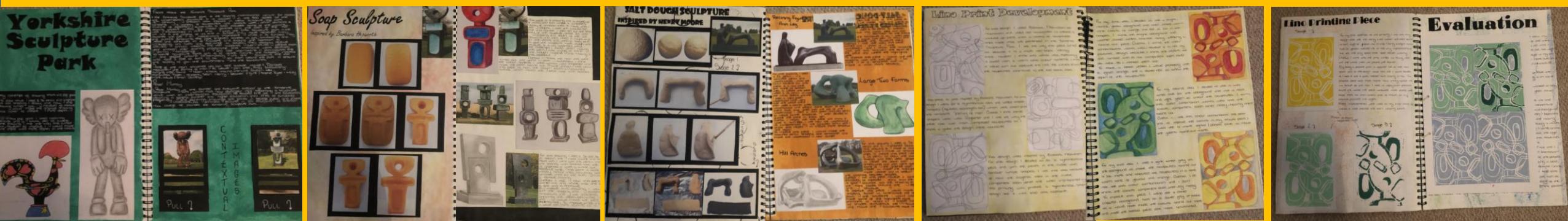
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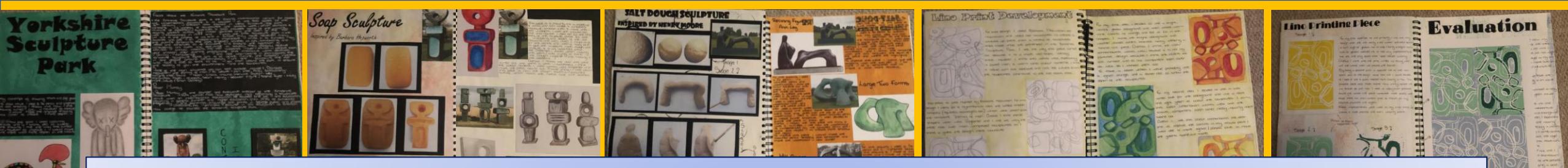
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If you are creative and enjoy using your imagination, then this is the right course for you. You will get a lot of freedom to express yourself in a variety of ways as well as developing a broad range of skills. There is no limit to what you go on to produce on the course and every portfolio will be unique to each individual student.

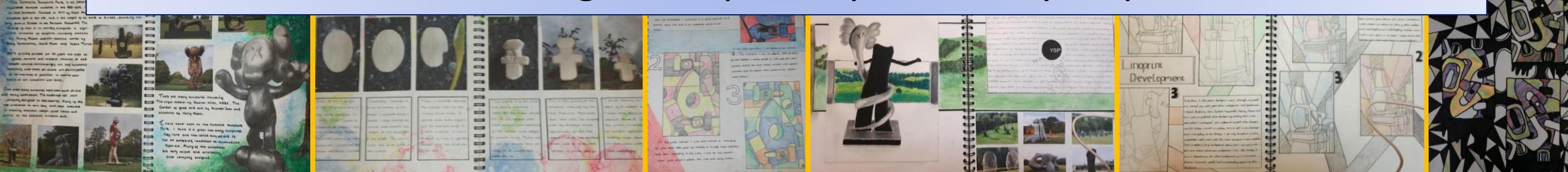
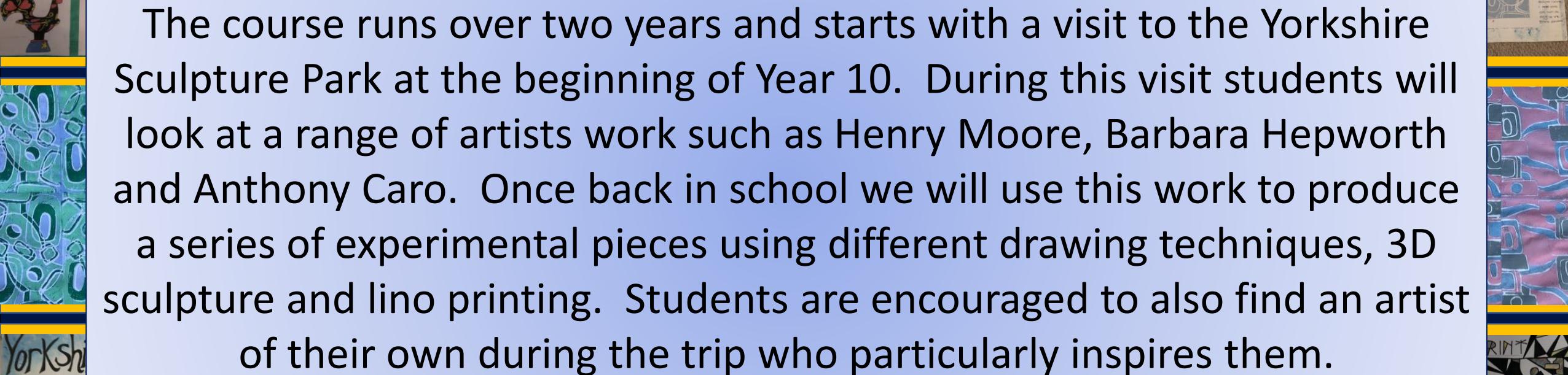
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The course runs over two years and starts with a visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park at the beginning of Year 10. During this visit students will look at a range of artists work such as Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth and Anthony Caro. Once back in school we will use this work to produce a series of experimental pieces using different drawing techniques, 3D sculpture and lino printing. Students are encouraged to also find an artist of their own during the trip who particularly inspires them.



PERSONAL PORTFOLIO – TOPIC 2 IDENTITY



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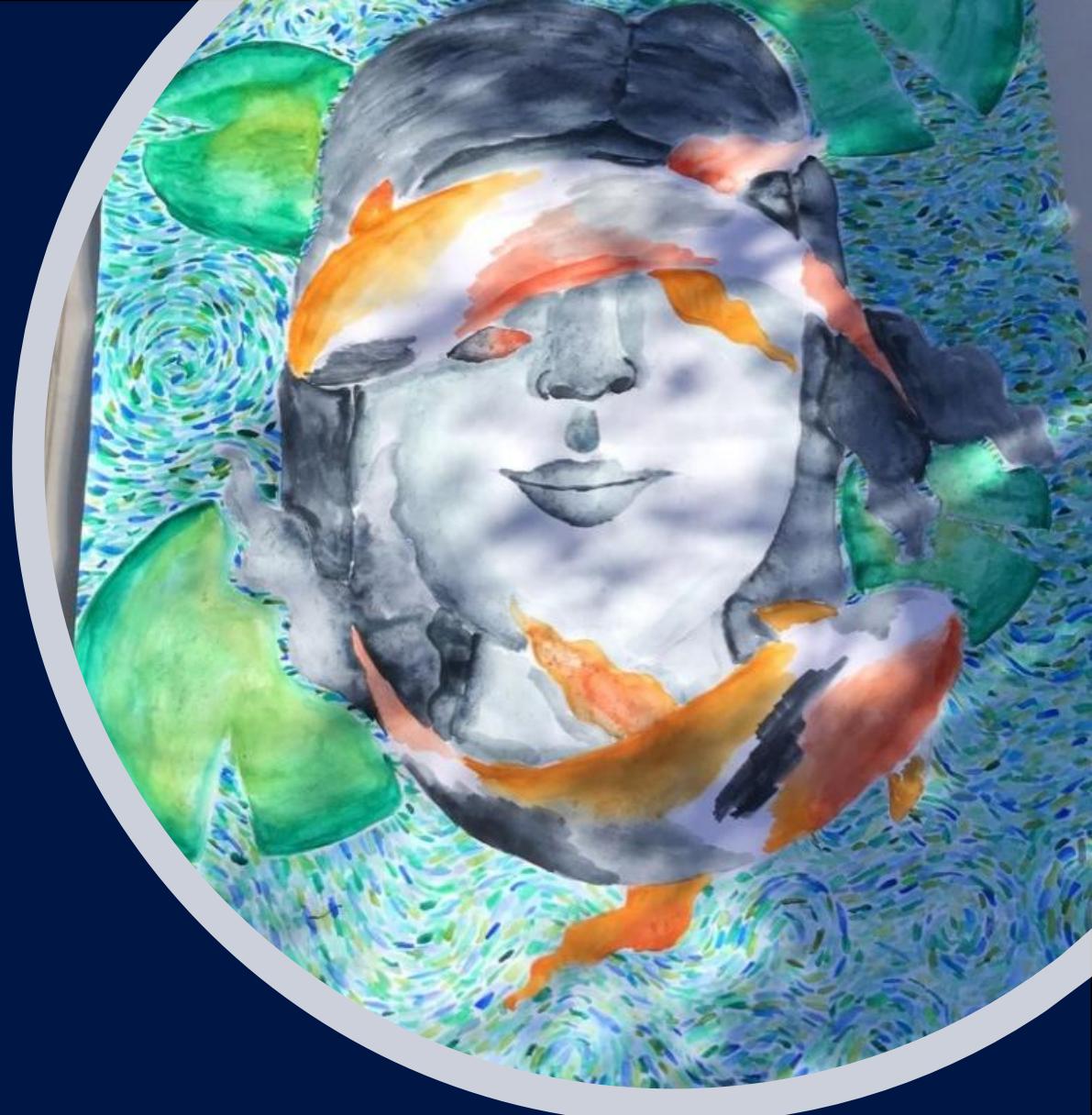


The second unit of work follows the theme of “Identity” and gives students the chance to be more independent in their work and build upon the skills taught in the first unit. Students will develop a range of work in response to this theme leading to a series of final outcomes.



ASSESSMENT

- This is on an individual basis with verbal 1:1 feedback given each lesson by your teacher.
- Formal assessment will be carried out at each of the assessment points throughout the year.
- Each project will be marked using the 4 assessment objectives.
- You will have an assessment sheet explaining your strengths and areas for development, so you know how to improve.



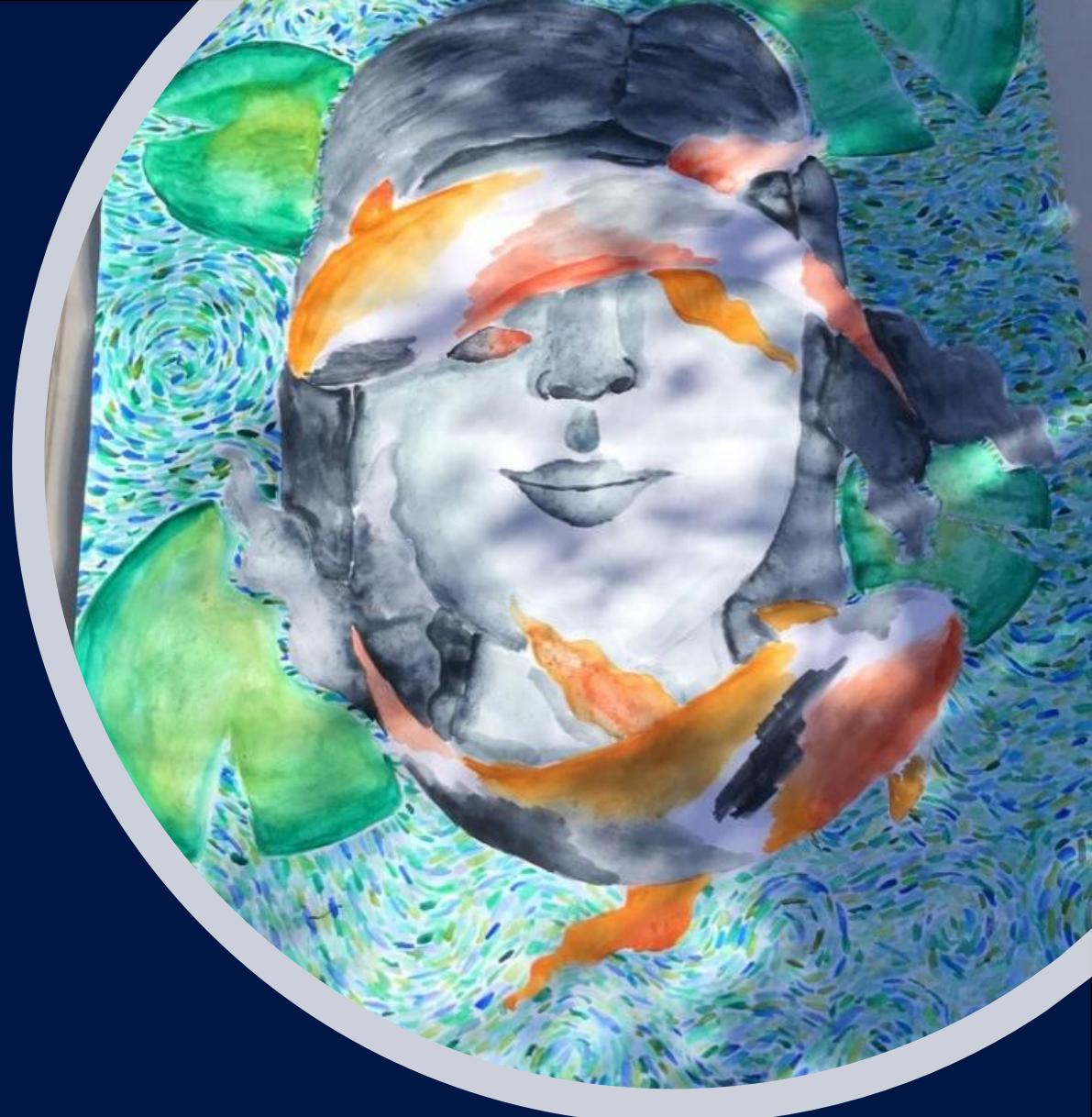
ASSESSMENT

- **Personal Portfolio = 60%.**

This is all the work you do in lessons from the beginning of year 10 until the beginning of January in year 11.

- **Externally Set Assignment = 40%.**

This is set at the beginning of January in year 11 and you will work on this until the end of April when you will have 10 hours of supervised time to create your final piece(s).



PROGRESSION

A' Level Art (AQA Art, Craft and Design)

A' Level Photography (AQA)

Other college-based creative courses

"I chose GCSE art because it allowed more freedom in managing my work and I wanted to further develop my creative skills. During GCSE I was introduced to new techniques and artists that I have gone on to study further in my A' level work. Art is my favourite subject and I really enjoy being able to express myself in a visual way and I have now been given an offer from Leeds Arts University to do an art foundation year, after which I intend to go on to study Fine Art at university."

Megan, Year 13



The creative industries are one of Britain's most successful industries.

If you want to be part of, for example film, fashion, advertising, architecture, fine art, photography, design or publishing it starts here!

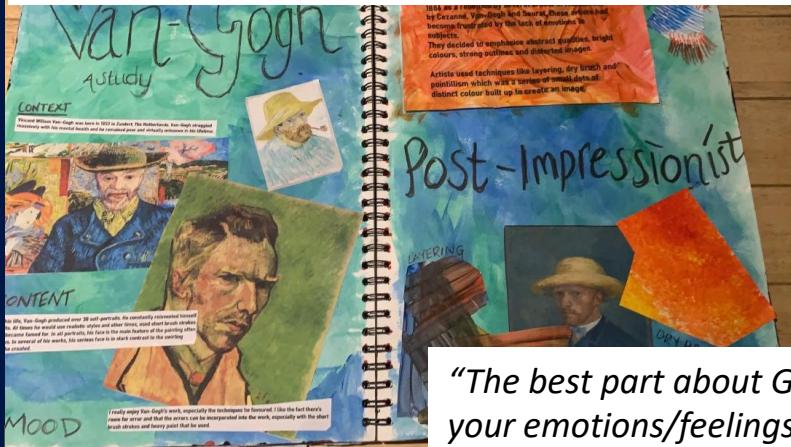
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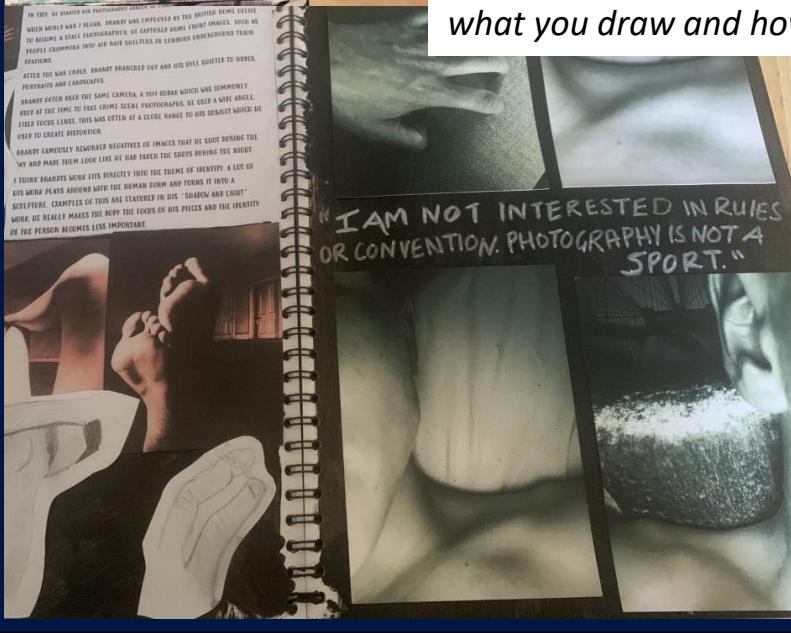
"I think the best part about the art GCSE course is the freedom we receive with what we're doing so no two peoples books will look the same and how art is subjective so you don't necessarily need to be the best at it." Laura, year 10



"Art is a good subject to take at GCSE level. It's interesting and you get lots of support to develop your own art." Jack, Year 10



"The best part about GCSE art is that you can be really creative and put your emotions/feelings into a piece of art. You are also very free with what you draw and how you present your book." Amber Year 11

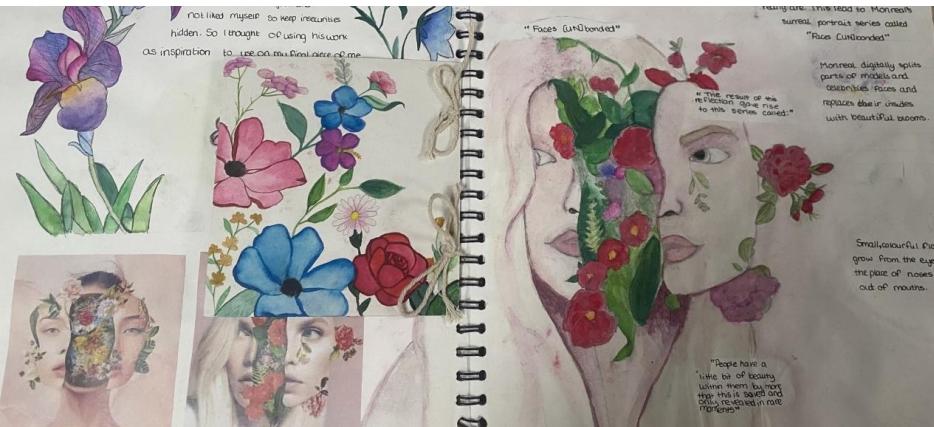


"The best thing about GCSE art is how creative you can be. You also get to try out using different materials and media like Lino printing and clay." Olivia, year 11

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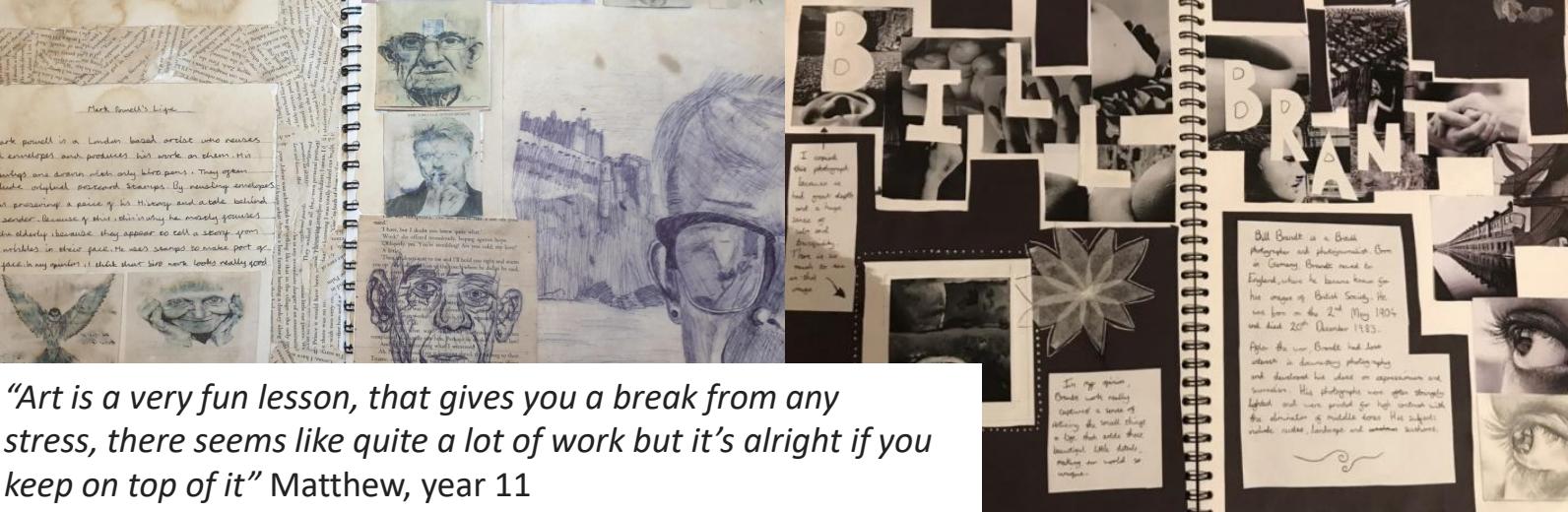


"I really enjoy GCSE art and I am so glad I chose to take it. I love the work that has been chosen by teachers because it's always something new but there is always a sense of freedom and being able to add in your own ideas and be creative. It is interesting and fun to try new media and develop your work in different new ways." Olivia, Year 11



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Mark Towell



"Art is a very fun lesson, that gives you a break from any stress, there seems like quite a lot of work but it's alright if you keep on top of it" Matthew, year 11

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