



ARMADALE ACADEMY

Higher Art & Design How to Pass Guide

for parents and carers

Exam breakdown and links to key SQA documents

- Exam Breakdown: Design Folio (Hat design unit) – 38.5%, Expressive Folio (Still Life Unit) – 38.5% & Question Paper written exam (based on design questions only) – 23%
- Past Papers: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47892.html>
- Understanding Standards: <https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/ArtandDesign/higher/QuestionPaper>

Resources to support your child

All documentation can be found on Teams

- For Expressive ideas: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zbjcrj6/revision/7>
- For Design ideas: Pinterest [https://www.pinterest.co.uk/search/pins/?q=fabric%20manipulation&rs=typed&term_meta\[\]=fabric%7Ctyped&term_meta\[\]=manipulation%7Ctyped](https://www.pinterest.co.uk/search/pins/?q=fabric%20manipulation&rs=typed&term_meta[]=fabric%7Ctyped&term_meta[]=manipulation%7Ctyped)
- Details on visual elements/ design elements for written paper support; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrkjcqt>

Practical strategies to support your child

- Ensure they have completed any Design samples which need refinement
- Ensure they have complete written tasks for the Design Unit, such as the design brief and design evaluation.
- Ensure they have completed any Expressive research or development compositions.
- Ensure they continue to work on their final Still Life composition to meet the deadline of Friday 25th March to complete this allowing time for presentation in the final week.
- Use the guidance and examples for written work saved in Teams:
- Class Materials>Design> Design Written Work
- Complete practise questions that have been issued via Teams and past papers from SQA site focusing on the Design questions 7 – 12 only.
- Refer to study guides uploaded to class Teams to support revision for the written assessment of their chosen designer – Alexander McQueen, his work and the social, cultural & other influences on his work. Students must be able to discuss these in detail and, very importantly, where these influences can be seen in their chosen design.
- Use the 'Higher Critical Booklet' issued in class and also available via Teams

How can you support your child?

- Encourage your son/ daughter to complete their practical work at home. This can often be done while watching or listening to something, so it can be a break from their other studies
- In preparation for the written exam, test your son/ daughter on the impact of social, cultural, historical influences on Alexander McQueen's work and how we can see in these influences on the design that your son/ daughter has chosen