

Information on Art and Design – Course marking and moderation

All AS and A Level Art and Design coursework and final exam is initially internally marked by the Art Department staff. It is marked by your subject teacher and then checked by another member of the Department. The marks are then externally moderated by the Exam Board (at present OCR) and this process takes place in June. So your work is INTERNALLY marked and EXTERNALLY moderated. This method of marking means there are a number of checks and balances in place to make sure you receive the mark you deserve.

The Marking Process

- Work is marked by subject teacher and these marks are checked by another member of the department
- In June, a sample of work is selected by the moderator and then checked
- Subjects with larger number of entries, e.g. Fine Art, Textiles and Photography may only have a percentage of candidates work seen by the moderator
- Department staff are experienced in marking, however the moderators can move any awarded marks up or down
- After moderation, marks are sent to the Exam Board with any adjustments, they are processed further to match those from all other candidates who have taken OCR and Design subjects.

Advantages for you

- All of the work that you produce counts towards the final mark
- You can be given feedback as your work progresses to identify areas that require improvement
- Your exams are complete before your other subject exams in May/June, giving more time to revise.

What does this mean for you?

- As you are probably aware, with most other subjects in the College it is possible for students to ask for an individual remark if they are not happy with the mark they receive. HOWEVER, please note this is **NOT** possible for internally and externally moderated work. The regulations require the entire original sample to be remarked and as the marks can go down as well as up, the College would normally expect all of the sampled candidates to give their consent. For these reasons the College Art and Design Department has never asked for a remark post results day.