

# Art & Design Show

Final exhibition GCSE/A level



Art&Design Studios 2009  
Alice Smith School

# GCSE Level





Noorshazreen  
ABDUL NASIR

Art made me forget my surroundings, and I lose myself in the moments where I start to explore the freedom of my mind, more open than narrow-minded. You have to experience it, to know it. Art is medication for mind and soul, both addictive and curative.



Mohamed Asyraf  
AHMAD DZAHIRI

Art has stimulated my creative mind and has allowed me to explore my ideas. Art allows me to show my abilities to the public and enable people to appreciate them. This subject is enjoyable and has given me a lot of confidence to be myself.



Illia Surya  
AFIFUDDIN

Never have I met a subject that had the ability to make me work so hard, cry a river and find my inner nocturnal side. Art has opened my eyes to a new world... and I have come to appreciate life a little more and see things in a different light.



Allisha  
AZLAN

What is Art? I was convinced that art is easy and limited to just work on paper. Later I found out, there is never a definite meaning for art. Art is subjective. There is a wide variety of materials that could be used to create art. My journey with art will never end.



Katherine  
BARBER

For me, art has been an interesting experience, but one I won't forget. Although I am not continuing art next year, I will definitely be back in my frees! Thank you so much for putting up with my laziness and inconsistency. It has been an amazing two years!



Michael  
BROWN

Art is great. From the demonstrations, to the coursework and exams, the whole thing is just one extraordinary journey. The creative process is an experience in itself though the work and commitment that it entails is extremely demanding.



Kevin  
BROADLEY

My Journey through art has been similar to any voyage across stormy seas, with harsh environments and obstacles hindering my path. Thanks Mr. Boyle for caring about me and my art work despite my mood swings. I have learned about how I work.



Xue Lin  
CHAN

Art has taught me to appreciate beauty in the most unusual places. When people say a rubbish bin is nothing – they are talking rubbish. You have to take risks despite the fear of making mistakes. I have managed to learn how to step out of my comfort zone.



**Muhammad Abdul  
Ra'uf CHE JALIL**

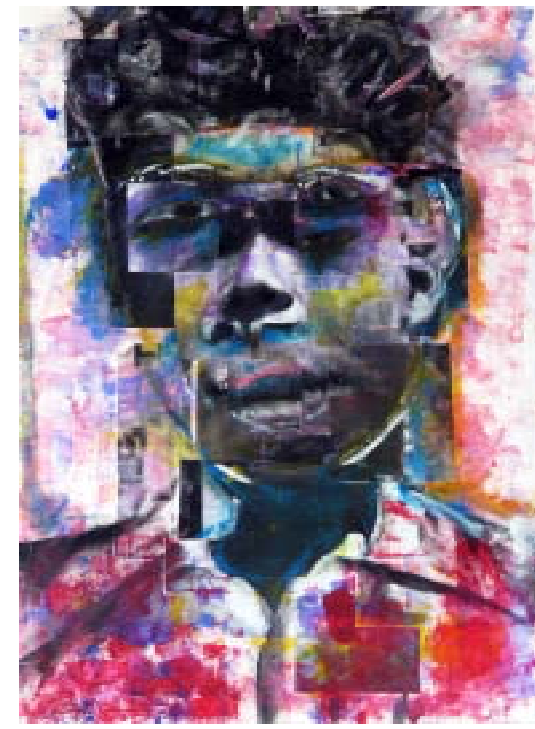
For me, art has been a long, gruelling experience, but one I won't forget. Thanks for putting up with my ways of working! It was a great two years :) Although not doing art, I will definitely be down in the art room next year, blessing you with my presence!



**Kyril  
EDLIN**

There are many scientific equations that we students need to read over again and again during certain boring, not to mention subjects but art has one simple equation all students should know.

$\text{Art} \times \text{Hate} = \text{Passion}$   
Love



**Catriona  
DONALD**

Art GCSE is a challenging subject but at the same time very fulfilling. Even though it has been hard work I feel as though I have improved in all aspects of art. I feel as though I have gained the skill to still carry on being creative, even outside of the classroom.



**Hazel  
HADIAN**

Art is a creative journey with treacherous mountainous terrains, followed by lush green fields. On the way, up the mountains, little voices tell us where to go.



Fong Yi  
KHOO

Art classes have been a great learning process to enhance my skills and express myself visually. Through experimentation, trials and errors, I have learnt to develop different approaches and influences from the world of art. I really can't wait to do AS Art next year.



Justin  
LIM

Art certainly wasn't a doss, and I challenge anyone to the contrary. It taught me much about what to expect further on in life. I have pushed boundaries I never knew I had, slept less than I ever have... Was it worth it? Yes, a life lesson that will be with me forever.



Karina  
KRAUSS

Art is a subject that has taught me many skills that are not taught in other subjects. The teaching staff in art have been immensely supportive, both emotionally and academically and I would like to say thank you because art would have been much harder without you.



Helen  
PEARMAN

The GCSE Art course has taught me a lot about the world of art and widened my understanding of this subject. I feel proud of the work I have achieved. I am grateful to the dedication of the art department and believe future students will benefit greatly from Art.



Leah  
SAMS

I have had a lot of bad days. But as I reach the end, there have been a lot of really good days. This emotional rollercoaster! But when, like today, a number of people, including a glassy-eyed Year 7, looked at my work and said “wow! - it was worth it!



Rebecca  
SATTI

Art has been a tough course filled with deadlines, hard work, but also making friends and having fun at school on Saturday mornings. Art has made me see things in different ways – I now don’t look at my feet when walking around.



Mark  
SARGEANT

People learn in different ways, for me, Art has opened up many new methods of learning, allowing me to tap into my creative nature. My ability to develop my visual sense has increased greatly, along with my appreciation of my surroundings.



Natasha  
SEATTER

Art has changed each and every one of us and how we interpret the world. It has changed the way I feel and think about everything. To an artist art is understanding different cultures, religions, symbols, meanings and beauty.



Vinodh  
SIVANESWARAN

Overall my experience in art has been a tough but enjoyable one. Art has pushed me to my limits and beyond and has enabled me to express my creativity in many ways. Art challenged me to think outside the box and consider who I really am.



Rachel  
STEPHENSON

I am looking forward, to another 2 years of sleepless nights, hard work, stressing over deadlines and coming home with yet another ruined t-shirt. I hope my art skills will grow further and mature as I pass time in art talking to Simone. AS awaits!



Simone  
STANDEN

I will never forget the lessons I learnt that helped me grow as an artist. Mr. Boyle and Ms. Marcovici have continuously taught us new skills and techniques and always tried putting us in situations that encourage us to work beyond our “comfort zone”. Thanks.



Sofia TENGKU  
DAUD

I have always enjoyed Art, I find a sense of escapism. Art has taught me to not give up – even when I feel I can’t go that extra mile. Thanks to my teachers, Miss Marcovici and Mr. Boyle, for their full support and criticisms to improve myself and be the best I can be.



Shu Hsien  
THE

Art, the best experience I have had of creative juices flowing, It has allowed me to express myself in ways I have never thought possible. Art has also changed the way I think, conveying to me the vitality of an open mind. I have learned a lot about myself.



Charlotte  
VINCENT

Art has helped me develop a greater understanding of myself. Who would have thought that I would willingly come to schools on weekends and have fun? I will miss the paint and paintbrushes which have been my constant companions.



Alex  
THRUSH

Art has been unforgettable. Throughout my work, Art has given me the guideline of creativity which has made me who I am today. The hard work of my ideas has paid off. I am glad I have experienced such a worthwhile subject.



James  
WHYTE

GCSE Art has taught me so many lessons I had never anticipated. It has made me open my mind and see the world in a different light; if anything it has made me mature mentally and expressively.



Mika  
YEAP

Art, for me has been both an enjoyable and tough journey. Enjoyable in the sense that you escape from stress and let your creativity flow I would like to thank Mr. Boyle and Ms. Marcovici for all the encouragement and advice they have given me.



# AS Level





Leonie  
FRANCIS

“Iron rusts from disuse;  
stagnant water loses its  
purity and in cold weather  
becomes frozen; even  
so does inaction sap the  
vigor of the mind.”  
Leonardo da Vinci





Shartina  
GALLERY

Having the chance to experience AS Level Art has been a privilege. Art has forced me to undertake many experiments with different materials that has allowed me to become more expressive and to reach my full artistic potential. It challenged me to think carefully and develop my own creativity to influence my own work. It has taken up a lot of my school time with all the frustration and struggles. However challenging, it was an artistic journey worth experiencing.





Josh  
GRAHAM

Art has been a very hard path to follow. However, the great overall feeling of accomplishment that I can now sit back and enjoy is truly wonderful. Next year I aim to make crucial decisions for myself, maybe making mistakes, but also learning from those mistakes. The end of year 13 will show a massive improvement in my skills, and I will have some jaw-dropping pieces to show that. Au revoir.





Dereck  
KETHEESWARAN

Art has been the only subject that made me use my mind and body. Mind mostly. This year has been my most taxing so far but most fruitful as well. Funny as it may seem, art, for me, is the most stressful subject with the most workload, it has been a wild journey. Throughout this year, the people in the studio have helped me greatly improve my method and technique that I will carry on in my life. Art has opened a doorway to the wider world of creativity and imagination I look forward to next year. Cowabanga!





Mirzan  
MEER SADIQ

Art has been everything I expected it to be, Emile Zola quotes; “the artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without the work”. Over my time in Alice Smith School, it hit me that being gifted with talent is not enough. I’ve learnt to develop my self-motivational skills, and make the most of the opportunities that I have been given. This is my 11th year in Alice Smith yet I still look forward to every single one of my Art lessons.





Hideko  
ONO

Art this year has been a whirlwind of a journey! The stress and endless amounts of work has been a challenge, but my development and the experiences that I have had have all been due to these key ingredients: the advice, guidance, excessive amounts of cake and the “special” group of sixth form art students and teachers who have made this year so much more bearable :)





Myrthe  
SABLEROLLE

Whoever said artists were “a bunch of crayons” should come to our show and be impressed!  
Although being an AS art student has many privileges, such as regular cake eating sessions, the main reason why I took the subject was to allow myself to have a place where no-one tells me what to do, where there is no right or wrong. There is no answer to art, just you and your creativity, and that is what makes it so special to everyone. :)



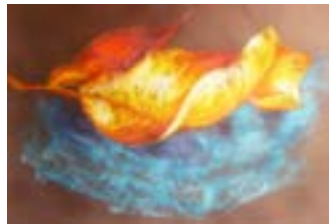
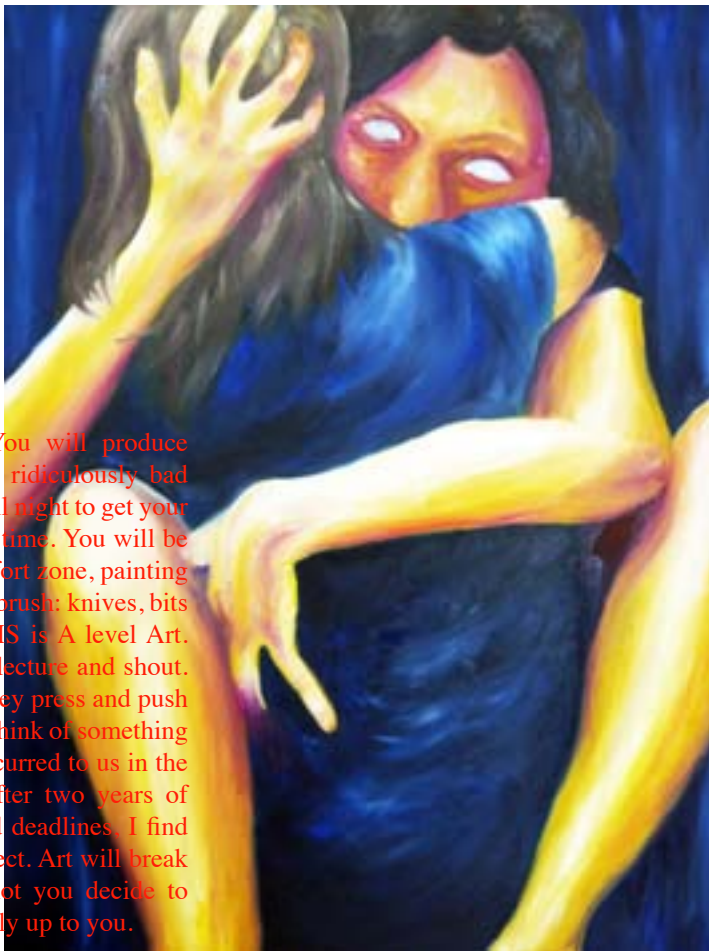


**A Level**



Amirah  
AL IDRUS

Art will break you. You will produce excellent drawings and ridiculously bad ones. You will stay up all night to get your sketchbook finished on time. You will be forced out of your comfort zone, painting with everything BUT a brush: knives, bits of card, your face. THIS is A level Art. But our teachers don't lecture and shout. They make us think. They press and push and prod at us until we think of something that never would've occurred to us in the first place. And yet, after two years of tears, stress and missed deadlines, I find that I still love the subject. Art will break you. But whether or not you decide to stay broken is completely up to you.





Illā Ainaa  
AFFUDDIN

Art... where do I begin? It is the only subject where my emotions have an effect on my work, where I am able to be open and just simply be me. Art is definitely my kind of sanctuary. Without it I would not be sane. These two years studying Art & Design A level challenged me, requiring innovative and creative imagination for 24/7. Was Art A level easy? Certainly not. But was it worth it? Definitely. Were my teachers helpful? Of course! Even though pudgy Boyle would always say how his daughter could do better, and Mum Marcovici would magically turn my hideous drawing into another master with just a simple stroke. Thanks Guys!





Ashwin  
SABAPATHY

What I enjoyed the most this year was the atmosphere that was omnipresent in the art department, and how the creativity of one person can influence us. My biggest challenge was to overcome the obstacles which presented themselves in my journey to create a visually dramatic piece. Along with the help of my art teachers I have been able to understand the importance of looking at a piece of art as a whole to appreciate the interchanging meanings between simple objects.

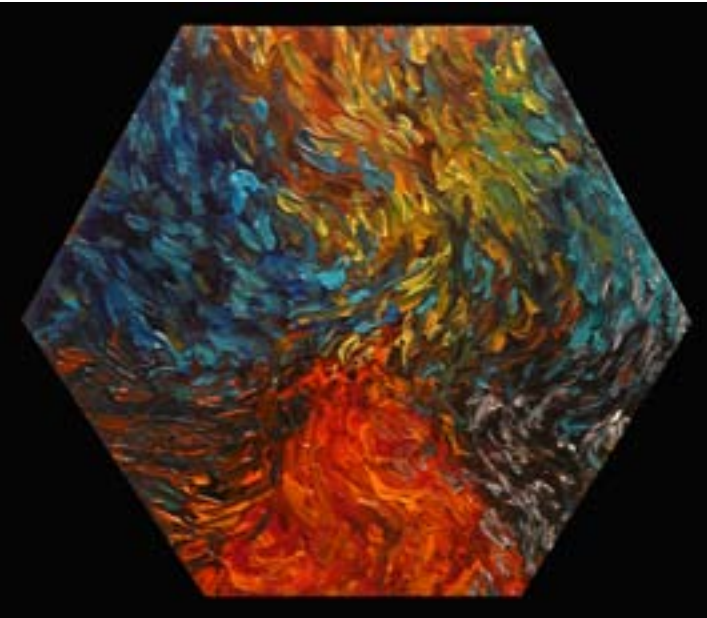
“To see we must forget the name of the thing we are looking at.” Claude Monet





Cherry  
WANG

It took some time to acknowledge the weight of the course but Art gave me an opening to enjoyment; it became a highlight for my high school life. I realized it is also the only lesson I truly looked forward to attending, on a daily basis. Considering school has been a nightmare for me, it is also a very rewarding and therapeutic subject in which creativity could be developed and really random friendships made. Without Art, I would have been failing to express and communicate things contained. I really appreciate how Art has changed and developed me for my future life.



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# Exhibition Editorial

As I write this editorial, it is almost two years since I joined the school and I sit in my office within a completely transformed department. The current building is the result of many hours of time spent by many people, a team, who have worked hard to develop what you see today. A modern learning environment aimed at the highest levels of provision for the teaching of Art & Design in the 21st Century - a centre of excellence for the visual arts. The department would like to thank, in no particular order, the school governing body, the school senior management team, the administration and maintenance teams, teachers, parents, students and families and friends of the school community for their continued support of our efforts to develop a future for creative and imaginative learning through the visual arts. I would also like to take this opportunity to thanks Ms Mihaela Marcovici, our new teaching specialist, and Suromoney Asirvatham, our new Art Technician, for their hard work in creating the exhibition you are witness to today. I am lucky to be supported by such a great team. We haven't finished yet, in fact we have only just begun. But we hope you can see that the future is bright and that the department is moving in the right direction. Watch this space for future developments.

This exhibition represents the hard work and effort of our students with the support of their teachers and families. It shows not only finished pieces, as was shown in the past, but also, for the first time, the preparatory studies that supported these outcomes. Many people will view the outcomes and be appropriately impressed by their quality; I encourage you to take some time to turn a page and look closely at the work that went on to create these final pieces. The hours spent and the creative, imaginative and expressive thinking process that has taken place. Consider the fact that the exam board awards 7/8 of the marks for the preparatory work and only 1/8 of the marks for the final outcome and hopefully you will realise that it is not just about impressive outcomes but also about the creative process, the journey that the student has explored through their work. We hope you enjoy the work and will come back to see how the department moves forward into the future.

Lastly, I leave you with the words of one of our talented students who, for me, has summed up the struggle and the joy of what the study of art is all about:

“Never have I met a subject that had the ability to make us work so hard, cry a river and find my inner nocturnal side. Art has opened my eyes to a new world where the colour red isn't just the colour red and a circle isn't just a circle. There are many layers, theories and explorations that make up my understanding for art, and for that I have come to appreciate life a little more and see things in a different light. I truly feel that this subject has taught me to endure myself and take risks, but to also trust myself and my skills to take me on this creative journey that I hope will continue on and is forever a part of me.”

Illia Surya AFIFUDDIN (GCSE Art & Design)

We hope you enjoy the show!

Regards

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Head of Art & Design

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Art Technician



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Teacher of Art & Design

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#### 2009-2010 Art Exhibition Catalogue

**This is our second Art & Design Catalogue. The production of which is funded entirely by student contributions. We are interested in exploring small contribution sponsorship as well as larger corporate sponsorship. We are open to making creative partnerships with those who want to support the arts and our students. Should you wish to sponsor the 2009-2010 edition please contact the art department to discuss how we could feature your contribution.**

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