

Art

AIMS OF SUBJECT:

Art at Senior Cycle aims to develop in learners the knowledge, skills, understanding and values needed to bring an idea to realisation and to respond to, understand, analyse and evaluate their own work and the work of others. Each learner is a unique individual and will be enabled to develop their own skill set in a personal way. The learner will become aware of the world of Visual Studies, how it can inform their own work and life, and thereby become more aware of their own place in a wider society.

Studying Art for Senior Cycle at Portumna Community school, students get the opportunity to learn about a wide range of artistic disciplines such as, drawing, painting, graphic design, puppetry, construction, modelling, ceramics, textiles, bookcraft, digital art, printmaking, murals and photography.

For the written component of the Leaving Certificate syllabus, students at Portumna Community School get the opportunity to study European Art, Irish Art and Art in Today's World.

RATIONALE FOR SUBJECT:

Art at senior cycle is a continuation of the skills in junior cycle however at a more advanced level. It is a subject that promotes learning through art, craft and design. For adolescents and young adults, this involves becoming familiar with and applying the elements of art and principles of design, and the knowledge and skills associated with these processes, their histories and their contemporary practices. Visual Art also recognises and rewards a number of different forms of intelligence, including emotional intelligence; it develops personal qualities of expression and empathy.

ASSESSMENT IN SENIOR CYCLE VISUAL ART

There are three assessment components in Leaving Certificate Art: practical coursework, a practical examination, and a written examination. Differentiation is achieved through examinations at two levels – Ordinary level and Higher level.

Practical Coursework 50%, Practical Examination 20% and Written Examination 30%

The coursework assessment includes two related but separate components – practical coursework and a practical examination – which will be completed in the final year of study. Both pieces of work will be based on the same stimulus, which will be chosen by the learner from a coursework brief issued by the SEC.