## GCSE Ceramics Curriculum Overview Table 2024-25

End Point	Key Knowledge	Key Skills	Key Vocabulary	Reading & Oracy	Numeracy	Common Misconceptions
Year 10 Term 1 Introduction to Ceramics	Building GCSE Skills through the introduction of the formal elements of Art & Design.  Embedding the process of recording, planning and development of Ideas.  Embedding independent learning and the importance of primary research.	Manipulation of materials.  Experimentation with key ceramic techniques and processes.  Learning the importance of the design process.  Investigate the use of clay through creating, planning and making.  Exploring and explaining ideas.  The ability to refine, modify and adapt ideas.  Basic application and use of colour in ceramics through the application of glazes.  Recording from observation.	Hand Building Pinch Pots Slab Building Construction & Joining Score and Slip Surface Design & Textures Glazing Basic Subject Specific Tools and Equipment. Stages of Clay: bisque, bone dry, leather hard, slip.	Group discussions embedding and extending ceramics vocabulary and processes.  Pupils are able to explicitly explain what they have done, how it can be improved and what they need to do to achieve a better level.  Writing about and recording processes through notes and drawings.  Research into other artists and designers and ceramic processes.	Scale Proportion Measurement Geometry Accuracy 3D Design Visual Mathematics	I will use clay every lesson and play!  I don't need to plan what I'm going to make.  I don't need to make notes about what I do, I'll remember this process next year.  I'll remember which glazes I've used, I didn't need to make notes.
Year 10 Term 2 Development of Skills	Continued building of practical skills through introduction of new processes.	Manipulation of materials through multiple processes including wheel throwing and coiling, alongside developed use of previously learnt processes.  Development of the design	Wheel Throwing  Coil Pots  Glazes, Firing, Kiln, Earthenware, Stoneware.	Group discussions embedding and extending ceramics vocabulary and processes.  Pupils are able to explicitly explain	Scale Proportion Measurement Ratios Geometry Use of Nets	I already know how to plan ideas successfully. I don't need to follow a specific design process.  I'm no good at this because it didn't work this time.

		process to make decisions and improve work.  More sophisticated and deliberate use of the glazing process.  Developing increasing confidence to experiment with techniques and processes.	Additional Subject Specific Tools and Equipment.  Repetition Perseverance Resilience  Practice	what they have done, how it can be improved and what they need to do to achieve a better level.  Writing about and recording processes through notes and drawings.	2D Design into 3D Form  Repetition of Process.	Making pots is easy because it looks easy when someone else does it.
Year 10 Term 3 Artist Inspiration & Personal Response	How to analyse and interpret the work of other artists.  Taking inspiration from the work of others and contemporary art.  Developing personal final responses through sophisticated use of the design process.	Manipulation of materials to achieve planned intentions.  Making appropriate selections from previously learnt skills.  Developing the design process to create meaningful and personalised outcomes.  Making connections between their own work and the work of artists and designers.	Artist Analysis Inspiration Personal Response 'Aspects of Myself' Structural Integrity	Interpreting research and articles on contemporary artists.  Analysing, discussing and writing about the work of artists in order to find ideas and inspiration for their own work.  Effective use of annotation to plan ideas and reflect on work produced.	Scale Proportion Measurement Geometry Accuracy  3D Design Working at a larger scale.  Balance and Structural Integrity	Artists don't make pots / Ceramics isn't art.  My work can't be about me.  Artists work in a vacuum.
Year 11 Term 1  Personal Project (Mock) LOCK	How to develop ideas from a set starting point.  The development of ideas through research, planning, drawing and experimentation.  The development of initial	Personal and Independent development of Ideas through use of a sketchbook and design process. Drawing and note making to explain plans and intentions.	Initial ideas  Developed Ideas  Refinement of Ideas  Modification Adjustment	How to effectively use books and the internet for research.  Making notes to develop ideas and evaluate work.	Scale Proportion Measurement Geometry Accuracy Transformation of 2D design drawings	I have to make pots. I have to make what other people are making.  Ideas aren't worth marks.  What's the difference between an initial idea and a

	ideas into developed ideas and final outcomes.	Selecting appropriate techniques and processes to realise creative intentions using knowledge from Y10.  Effective planning and time management of projects.	Primary Research Primary Sources  Observation and Recording  Artist Inspiration	Group discussions about ideas, process and outcomes.  One to one feedback and discussion around intentions and application of materials.  Justification and explanation of their own work.	into 3D outcomes.	developed idea?
Year 11 Term 2 Externally Set Assignment	Mastering prior knowledge and skills, processes and techniques in the completion of the Externally Set Assignment.  A single project meeting all assessment Objectives incorporating the students own journey, culminating into a 10 Hour personal response.	To investigate and present a personal journey meeting the ESA objectives.  Key Skills: Observation through drawing, planning and making.  Exploring and explaining ideas.  Investigating the work of others and drawing inspiration to make connections with their own ideas.  The ability to refine, modify and adapt ideas.  Experimenting with techniques and processes.	ESA Title - Set in January 2024  Original Individual Personal Artists Photographers Designers Exhibitions Journey Observation Plan Ideas	Group discussions embedding and extending ceramics vocabulary and processes.  Pupils are able to explicitly explain what they have done, how it can be improved and what they need to do to achieve a better level.  Writing about and recording processes through notes and drawings.  Research into other artists and designers and	Ratio Scale Measurement Applying proportion Creating a 3D personal response from 2D plans Planning ahead and time management.	I don't need to look at other artists and designers.  My first idea will be my best.  I can skip straight to a final idea.  I can catch up at the end.

		Creating a meaningful and personal response.	ceramic processes.	
Term 3	Students will complete their ESA project and sit their final 10 hour exam.	Culmination of all previous learning to demonstrate mastery of learning objectives.		