SS Subject Curriculum & Assessment

Subject: Visual Arts

Curriculum Aims

To enable students to:

- strengthen their abilities to appreciate and create various forms of visual arts work aesthetically and critically;
- develop perceptual abilities, generic skills, and meta-cognition through autonomous and open-ended processes of inquiry in visual arts learning;
- enhance multiple perspectives, and cultural and cross cultural understanding through exploration of the visual arts of diverse cultures;
- cultivate personal refinement, values and attitudes, self-identity and a sense of commitment towards the community, the nation and the world;
- acquire a foundation for pursuing educational and career opportunities in the visual arts, and creative industries.

Curriculum Framework and Progression of Study

SS1

- Knowledge in Visual Arts I:
 - Visual language, art forms and art media, signs and symbols
- Western Art I
- Art Skill Training
- Appreciation and Criticism I

Art Studio: Drawing, painting, photography and graphic design

SS2

- Knowledge in Visual Arts II:
 - Ways of seeing, image and image development strategies, art in context, value and culture
- Western Art II
- Chinese Art I
- Local Art I and Contemporary Art
- Appreciation and Criticism II
- Research Workbook and Art Portfolio
- Art skill training

Art Studio: Illustration, painting, ceramics, printmaking and Chinese Art

SS3

- Knowledge in Visual Arts III:
 - Modes of presentation, value and attitudes, contextual expression
- Chinese Art II
- Western Art III
- Local Art II
- Appreciation and Criticism III
- Research Workbook and Art Portfolio
- Art skill multi-media practices

Art Studio: Drawing, Painting, sculpture, graphic design and multi-media

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Assessment			
	Components	Weighting	Duration
Public Examination	Choose either Paper 1 or Paper 2 Paper 1: Visual presentation of a theme Paper 2: Design Each paper is divided into two parts. Part A Art Appreciation and criticism (45 minutes) 10% Write a critical appreciation of the reproductions of artwork Part B Painting / Design (3 hours and 15 minutes) 40%	50%	4 hours
School-Based Assessment	ONE Portfolios consisting of: (a) Research workbook: 20% *Presentations on art appreciation and criticism in context in relation to art making/ critical studies, and research process (b) Artwork/ Critical studies: 30% *four pieces of work in one portfolio of a theme	50%	