Your notes

GCSE Art and Design: revision notes

Planning and making a final piece

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Planning a final piece

- The **final piece** is your personal response that **realises** your intentions (AO4). It should grow naturally from your development work.
- Plan it with compositional studies, colour trials and material tests.
- Choose the size, media and composition that best express your ideas.

Making it

- Break the work into stages and plan your time, especially for the 10-hour ESA session.
- Prepare materials in advance, and practise any difficult techniques first.
- Keep checking the work against your plans, and adapt if something better emerges.

Presenting and evaluating

- Present the **final piece** neatly, with your **preparatory work** showing the journey.
- Evaluate the **outcome**: how well it meets your intentions, its strengths, and what you'd do differently.

Key terms

Final piece	The finished artwork that realises your intentions.
Realise	To make your intentions into a finished work.
Preparatory work	The research and development that leads to the final piece.
Time plan	A plan of the stages and timing of the work.
Outcome	The finished result of a project.

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Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. Which assessment objective does the final piece mainly show?
2. Where should a final piece come from?
3. Why make compositional studies before the final piece?
4. Why plan your time for the ESA?
5. What should you do before the supervised session?
6. What should the evaluation of the final piece discuss?
7. What is preparatory work?
8. Why present preparatory work alongside the final piece?

Answers

1. AO4
2. The development work that led up to it
3. To plan the layout and test options
4. Because the final piece must be made in 10 supervised hours
5. Prepare materials and practise difficult techniques
6. How well it meets your intentions and what you'd change
7. The research and development leading to the final piece
8. To show the journey of ideas that led to it

What to do next

Practise 10 questions on this topic

Try 3 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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