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Grade descriptors for GCSEs graded 9 to 1: art and design

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Grade 8

1.1 To achieve Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

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- demonstrate independent critical investigation and in-depth understanding of sources to develop ideas convincingly
- effectively apply a wide range of creative and technical skills, experimentation and innovation to develop and refine work
- record and use perceptive insights and observations with well-considered influences on ideas
- demonstrate advanced use of visual language, technique, media and contexts to realise personal ideas

2.

Grade 5

2.1 To achieve Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate competent critical investigation and understanding of sources to develop ideas coherently
- apply a range of creative and technical skills and some experimentation and innovation to develop and refine work
- record and use clear observations to influence ideas
- demonstrate competent use of visual language, technique, media and contexts to realise personal ideas

3.

Grade 2

3.1 To achieve Grade 2 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate limited critical investigation and understanding of sources to

develop ideas simply

- apply basic creative and technical skills to limited experimentation and innovation
- record and use simple observations to inform ideas
- demonstrate basic use of visual language, technique, media or contexts to realise ideas

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