GCSE Art and Design Overview – Year 9

Theme: Nature



Term	Theme / Focus	Key Artist(s)	Skills & Techniques	Learning Objectives / Outcomes
Autumn Term	Nature	Mark Hearld	- Observational drawing from natural forms (plants, birds, landscapes) - Collage and mixed media - Composition and layering	 Explore how Mark Hearld interprets nature through print and collage. Develop sketchbook studies inspired by natural objects. Create a mixed-media piece showing texture and pattern in nature.
Spring Term	Mark-Making & Expression	Anselm Kiefer	 Experimental mark-making (using brushes, palette knives, natural tools) Texture, layering, and expressive surface Use of symbolism and emotion in art 	 Investigate Anselm Kiefer's expressive techniques. Experiment with texture and surface in response to natural decay and renewal. Produce an expressive painting exploring mood and atmosphere.
Summer Term	Colour & Pattern through Photography and Print	Contemporary printmakers / photographers inspired by nature. Karl Blossfeldt	 Digital and manual photography Colour exploration through pattern and composition Printmaking (mono-print, lino, or screen print) 	 Explore colour theory and repetition in natural forms. Develop a photographic or printed design based on natural patterns. Produce a final piece combining photography and print techniques.