

# GCSE Assessment Grid

AQA for both Fine Art and Photography  
All work is marked out of 96, with each of the 4  
assessment criteria being worth 24 marks.

	Assessment objective 1	Assessment objective 2	Assessment objective 3	Assessment objective 4
<b>Marks</b>	<b>Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources.</b>	<b>Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.</b>	<b>Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses.</b>	<b>Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.</b>
24 Convincingly	An exceptional ability to effectively develop ideas through creative and purposeful investigations.	An exceptional ability to thoughtfully refine ideas with discrimination.  An exceptional ability to effectively select and purposefully experiment with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.	An exceptional ability to skillfully and rigorously record ideas, observations and insights through drawing and annotation, and any other appropriate means relevant to intentions, as work progresses.	An exceptional ability to competently present a personal and meaningful response and realise intentions with confidence and conviction.  An exceptional ability to demonstrate understanding of visual language.
23 Clearly				
22 Adequately				
21 Just	An exceptional ability to engage with and demonstrate critical understanding of sources.			
20 Convincingly	A highly developed ability to effectively develop ideas through creative and purposeful investigations.	A highly developed ability to thoughtfully refine ideas.  A highly developed ability to effectively select and purposefully experiment with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.	A highly developed ability to skillfully record ideas, observations and insights through drawing and annotation, and any other appropriate means relevant to intentions, as work progresses.	A highly developed ability to competently present a personal and meaningful response and realise intentions with confidence and conviction.  A highly developed ability to demonstrate understanding of visual language.
19 Clearly				
18 Adequately				
17 Just	A highly developed ability to demonstrate critical understanding of sources.			
16 Convincingly	A consistent ability to effectively develop ideas through purposeful investigations.	A consistent ability to thoughtfully refine ideas.  A consistent ability to effectively select and purposefully experiment with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.	A consistent ability to skillfully record ideas, observations and insights through drawing and annotation, and any other appropriate means relevant to intentions, as work progresses.	A consistent ability to competently present a personal and meaningful response and realise intentions.  A consistent ability to demonstrate understanding of visual language.
15 Clearly				
14 Adequately				
13 Just	A consistent ability to demonstrate critical understanding of sources.			

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12 Convincingly	A moderate ability to effectively develop ideas through purposeful investigations.  A moderate ability to demonstrate critical understanding of sources.	A moderate ability to thoughtfully refine ideas.	A moderate ability to skillfully record ideas, observations and insights through drawing and annotation, and any other appropriate means relevant to intentions, as work progresses.	A moderate ability to competently present a personal and meaningful response and realise intentions.  A moderate ability to demonstrate understanding of visual language.
11 Clearly		A moderate ability to effectively select and purposefully experiment with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.		
10 Adequately				
9 Just				
8 Convincingly	Some ability to develop ideas through purposeful investigations.  Some ability to demonstrate critical understanding of sources.	Some ability to refine ideas.	Some ability to record ideas, observations and insights through drawing and annotation, and any other appropriate means relevant to intentions, as work progresses.	Some ability to present a personal and meaningful response and realise intentions. Some ability to demonstrate understanding of visual language.
7 Clearly		Some ability to select and experiment with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.		
6 Adequately				
5 Just				
4 Convincingly	Minimal ability to develop ideas through investigations.  Minimal ability to demonstrate critical understanding of sources.	Minimal ability to refine ideas.	Minimal ability to record ideas, observations and insights through drawing and annotation, and any other appropriate means relevant to intentions, as work progresses.	Minimal ability to present a personal and meaningful response and realise intentions.  Minimal ability to demonstrate understanding of visual language.
3 Clearly		Minimal ability to select and experiment with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.		
2 Adequately				
1 Just				
0	Work not worthy of any marks.			