Your **Grade 9/10 MYP course** will provide you with a wide range of opportunities to develop as an artistic creative thinker.

**Units Grade 9**

1. Portraits – ‘looks like’ versus ‘is like’ (photography, painting, drawing)
2. Stories and stereotypes – Film Noir ( 3D , collaborative time based work)
3. The Edge – landscape (photography, digital, painting, collage)
4. 6 Steps to Success – thematic unit (individual student response)

You will learn and develop skills in using 2D, 3D and digital media, and will be rewarded for your critical thinking, planning and reflection as well as your practical work. Examples of student work can be accessed here <http://visualartaba.weebly.com/grade-9.html>

**Units Grade 10**

1. Beauty and Decay (guided thematic unit)
2. Meaning and Metaphor ( observation based individual interpretative unit)
3. E-assessment Unit ( partial unit planner supplied by the IB – tailored to the class)
4. Student written unit (individual student ledcreative inquiry)

Examples of student work can be accessed here <http://visualartaba.weebly.com/grade-10.html>

**Assessment:**

All MYP Visual Arts unit are assessed against 4 criteria, each of which is broken down into strands. You will be assessed against all 4 criteria and all strands at least twice in a year. There will be more formative assessment than summative, so that you can use the feedback from your teacher and classmates to develop and improve your work. The course will prepare you thoroughly for the MYP e-assessment in Grade 10.

The criteria are:

**A Knowledge and Understanding**

**B Developing Skill**

**C Thinking Creatively**

**D Responding**

**Equipment and Resources/ Home Learning**

Students will need some basic Art materials at home – a set of drawing pencils, a set of coloured pencils, a set of watercolour or acrylic paints, a few different sizes of brushes and a small set of oil pastels. Grade 9/10 students can expect some tasks that need to be carried out at home, and these assignments will be clearly explained and dues dates posted well in advance.

**Who should choose the Visual Art MYP4/5 course?**

Students who enjoy art and design, who want to refine their use of visual language, and are excited about developing as an artist. The course is an excellent preparation for the Visual Art IB Diploma course. The overall goal of the grade 9/10 Visual Art course is for students to become more independent creative thinkers and over the two years students make a shift from teacher directed work to more individual interpretation of unit themes.