

## The Visual Principles of Art and Design 1

### Emphasis

### Emphasis is what makes part of a composition stand out.

Artists and designers can emphasise something in various ways to create a focal point or visual order.

### Vocabulary

# Pattern - A repeated decorative design that creates rhythm and unity. Rhythm - A visual tempo created through repeated elements that guide the viewer's eye. Unity - The sense of harmony and wholeness where all elements work together. Proportion - The relationship in size and scale between different elements in an artwork. Movement - The path the viewer's eye takes through the artwork, often leading to the focal point.

### Balance

**Every element has a visual weight.** How 'heavy' it looks depends on position, shape, colour, size, quantity, texture. **We tend to find balanced compositions more visually pleasing and comforting.** Unbalanced compositions can make us feel uneasy.

### Contrast

The difference between two or more objects/ elements in art and design is referred to as contrast. The difference in objects could be light and dark, thin and thick, small and large, bright and dull, etc.

### Artists

Caravaggio - light and shadow (Pablo Picasso - Cubist works, Henri Matisse -Matisse - Fauvist works Andy Warhol - Pop Art Vincent van Gogh - expressive brushwork and contrasting colour palettes elevate the emotional intensity