



ART & DESIGN DEPARTMENT

The Art and Design Department is part of the Art Design Technology Faculty.

1. AIMS

The aims of the Art Department support the general aims of the school and strive to:

- Stimulate students' curiosity, interest and enjoyment with the visual environment.
- Enable students to be familiar with a body of art and design knowledge by producing their own work and responding to the work of others.
- Allow pupils the opportunity to experience and become confident in a wide range of art based activities and materials
- Enable students to perceive art as a major cultural feature, developing awareness in students of the implications and significance of art both past and present.
- Employ teaching methods which allow equal opportunities to all students irrespective of gender, ethnic origin or academic ability.
- To enable students to develop a range of desirable personal qualities such as safety awareness, politeness, perseverance, initiative and independence.
- To be aware of the significant importance of Art and design within the wider community.

2. FACILITIES

The Art Department has developed significantly over the past 7 years. The Department consists of 5 high specification art rooms. Three of the rooms are dual purpose art rooms and also have a full suite of PC's. (Software including Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator CS6). Photography and Graphics are delivered from these areas. We also have a bank of laptops (Wi-Fi installed) which can be used by A level students in any of the art rooms.

Photography has a class set of 30 digital cameras for GCSE students and each A level students are loaned an SLR camera for the duration of the course.

We have a kiln area from which we produce ceramics and glass fused pieces. We utilise a wide range of materials which result in a vibrant selection of work produced by our students.

3. STAFFING

Anthony Bennett HOD Art / HOF ADT Faculty	Head of Art and Design Technology Faculty i/c KS3/4/5 Art Teacher KS3, KS4, KS5 Art / Photography / Graphics classes.
Vacancy	Teacher KS3, KS4, KS5. Form Tutor, Graphics/Art KS3/Photography
Stephanie Corless	Fine Art / Fine Art Textiles Teacher KS3, KS4, KS5. -
Nicola Wright	Fine Art/ Photography Teacher KS3, KS4, KS5.
Clare Murray Brown Part Time	Fine Art Teacher KS3, KS4, KS5.
Mark Melia Part Time	Art / Graphics Teacher KS3, KS4, KS5.

Nicolas Keogh	Highly valued Art Technician who works in the Department on a full - time basis. Nicolas assists all Art Staff with duties including equipment preparation, typing, photocopying, general administration and display work. He also works alongside Pupils during lessons
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4. CURRICULUM

The Art Department is a successful and thriving department and Art is a popular subject with pupils. The Department delivers a broad and varied curriculum with outcomes produced in both 2D and 3D, which provides good coverage of the National Curriculum. The work of the department is underpinned by structured planning and assessment procedures and clear policy statements.

Years 7 and 8 pupils are allocated one lesson per week. Our Art GCSE Courses, which start in year 9, are a very popular option with our year 8 pupils. Success rates are good, being in line with national figures and above school averages. Students benefit from a number of enrichment activities offered by the Art Department including working with artists in residence, gallery visits, coursework and drawing clubs.

At Key Stage 4 students can select one of the following Art endorsements from the AQA GCSE specification:

- i. Textiles
- ii. Graphics
- iii. Fine Art
- iv. Photography

AS/A2 Art and Design is also an increasingly popular choice for our 6th form students with our current cohort being the largest ever. 6th form students follow the AS/A2 Art and Design course (AQA) in Graphic Communication or Fine Art (including some Textiles). The level 3 course for Photography the students follow a Btec programme of study. Pupils are allocated five lessons per week, but also work in their 'private study' time and are welcomed into the department during this time.

Each year a number of students progress to Art and Design courses in Higher Education at the end of year 13. Some are invited back into school to make presentations to our 6th form art students.

5. EXTRA CURRICULAR AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

All staff are encouraged to become involved and initiate any projects they wish to carry out.

- KS3 Lunchtime Art Club
- Projects designed for workshops with Gifted and Talented art students.
- Year 11 After-school extended 'Gradebooster' sessions.
- Artists in Residence
- Gallery visits.
- Submission of pupils work to a variety of internal, local and national art competitions.

6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

As a Department we have made significant improvements to all Art courses that are delivered to ensure they meet the needs of our pupils. A recent restructure has seen us join forces with the Design and Technology team. We are now in an excellent position achieving some outstanding results year on year. We constantly re-evaluate what we do to ensure the learning that takes place gives our students the best possible skills. It is this department ethos, hard work and dedication by all members of the Art department team that continually moves the department forward.

Mr Anthony Bennett
Head of Art and Design Technology Faculty