



The Art Department

The Art Department plays a leading role in the life of this extremely successful Academy. The subject ethos is to develop creative and imaginative students nurtured on a solid foundation of skills and it is a popular option choice at both 13+ and 16+. The delivery of high quality Art lessons supported by appropriate visits and extra-curricular activities is at the heart of the Department's philosophy.

Art forms part of the 'Sport and the Arts Faculty' working together with PE and Music in a process of mutual support, self-review and development. Currently, three well-qualified specialist art teachers, with excellent subject knowledge, offer students a range of skills and experiences (Fine Art, Textiles, Digital Photography, Mixed media, 3D Crafts and Construction).

The Art Department is housed in two large open planned rooms with excellent natural light and display space. The Sixth Form have access to a small self-contained work area and the department has a variety of storage rooms. A large electric kiln provides firing opportunities for Ceramics and Glass. Students have access to two computers within the department and 'A' level Photography and some GCSE Photography is taught in a purpose built iMac Suite adjoined to the department which houses fifteen iMac computers.

Students follow a two-year Development Stage curriculum, which is varied and challenging to embrace key concepts and key processes and to engage students. This is broad and balanced and based on themes with each topic lasting one term. These cover both 2D and 3D experiences and focus on skill development, cultural and critical understanding and introduce students to a range of materials and techniques. In Art Year 9 students will follow a preparatory course of activities and undertake two mini-projects to prepare them for the transition to GCSE Art, Craft and Design. During the summer term Year 9 students embark on starting their GCSE Art, Craft and Design Coursework with a series of recordings and research. In Photography Year 9 students explore different types of photography and learn basic camera, photography and editing skills to form a strong and wide basis of knowledge to draw upon as they progress to beginning Coursework in Year 10. Coursework for both Art and Photography focuses on two set themes provided by the department and follows a structured format for completing appropriate assessment objectives effectively allowing all students to thrive.

All courses are supported by educational visits and artists' workshops on an annual basis. Recently these have included visits to Birmingham Art Galleries including the IKON and Birmingham Art Gallery and Museum and trips to Coventry Art Galleries and Coventry Cathedral. The department offers an annual trip to London for all A level Art and Photography students which includes visits to Saatchi Gallery, Tate Modern, Tate Britain, National Portrait Gallery and the National Gallery, as well as specialist shows. The department has a history of supporting and participating in local community arts projects, events and competitions.

The examination offer includes full course AQA GCSE Art & Design specialising in Art, Craft and Design, AQA GCSE Art & Design specialising in Photography, AQA A Level Art & Design and OCR A Level Art & Design - Photography. Results in GCSE are consistently good to outstanding, exceeding National Average figures and results at Post-16 are consistently excellent and amongst the best in the Academy.

The Art Department is a vibrant, lively and inspirational place to work for both students and staff who have high expectations. Art Clubs are offered at lunchtime and catch-up sessions after school to support student learning and engagement. The Department is visually stimulating and often the first port of call for visiting parents and dignitaries. The Department has a strong commitment towards contemporary art practice and developing and refining provision for the changing needs and demands of students, parents and stakeholders. Working within this environment would offer suitable candidates an exciting opportunity to develop and take forward a well-established and successful department.

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