

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Department Aims

The Art and Photography Department aims to provide students with an enjoyable and meaningful curriculum. This will develop their artistic and creative skills through the observation and exploration of the visual arts. We want to develop students' imagination and expectations of themselves and others and appreciate cultural diversity in our society, to enable students to gain a greater awareness of the world they live in.

Department Ethos

'Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.' Scott Adams

Department Staff

Mr Y Duncan (Head of Art) - Teacher of Art and Photography

Mr M Bush - Teacher of Art and Photography

Mrs J Dusha-Teacher of Art

Mr D Rixson- Art Technician

Key Stage 3 Information

Students are taught in mixed ability classes for Years 7 to 8 and the work is developed through thematic projects focusing on developing skill and imagination. All key stage 3 students have one sixty minute lesson per week. Art clubs are always available during lunchtime and after school for all students to further develop their creative skills.

Key Stage 4 Information

At GCSE level, students have five sixty minute lessons, every two weeks. In Year 9, 10 and 11, generally the Art Department has two GCSE Art classes as well as one Photography class. Students are encouraged to spend extra time during lunch breaks and after school in the Art Department to develop their work. We achieved 89% 8 to 4 level GCSE Art passes in 2018 with over 48% of students gaining level 7 or above. For Photography 100% of students gained level 4 to 9 and 58% achieved level 7 or above. We will be using Edexcel exam board.

Key Stage 5 Information

There are currently 28 AS/A2 students studying Art, Craft and Design, Fine Art, Graphic Communications and Photography. In 2016 to 18, we achieved 100% AS/A2 passes to least D grade, with majority of students achieving their ALPS target grades. We enter students for Edexcel and AQA examinations. In January 2018 similar to previous years, all A level art students who applied for a foundation courses were successful.

Out of School Activities

The Art Department has organised trips for all GCSE, AS and A Level Art and Photography students to London. We have visited the Natural History Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum, Photographers Gallery, National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery. We have regularly visited Horniman Museum in Forest Hill, London. We are currently exploring February 2019 drawing weekend in Kent.

Any other Information

Homework

Homework is set every half term at Key Stage 3,4 and 5 during the first lesson. A homework booklet which contains at least four pieces homework is set and the students are expected to complete it within four weeks. In key stages 4 and 5, additional homework is set if students fail to keep to deadlines. Department expectation is that they will be ambitious students who will achieve high academic results every year.