

## **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. In 2019, over 70 students completed the three GCSE Art courses. We achieved 100% 9 to 4 grades in GCSE Art, Graphics and Photography with average grade being at least 5. In Fine Art students achieved 25% grades 7 to 9. In Graphics students achieved 86% grades 7 to 9. In Photography students achieved 52% grades 7 to 9. All GCSE art and photography students are expected to attend compulsory coursework clinics after school once a week, if they fail to achieve their target grades.

### **Key Stage 5 Information**

There are currently 24 AS/A2 students studying Art, Craft and Design, Fine Art, Graphic Communications and Photograph. In 2019, all students achieved at least GCE C grade with all students achieving at least their ALPS target grade. We enter students for Edexcel and AQA examinations. In January 2019 similar to previous years, all art students who applied for a foundation and degree courses were successful. All GCE students are expected to complete at least two sketchbooks per week and attend compulsory coursework clinics once a week to achieve at least their target grade.

### **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.

### **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.