

Art & Design

Art is the cornerstone of culture. Individuals and communities express their views, hopes and fears through art and design. We all live in a rich and diverse visual world, the ability to express yourself through creative means is the universal language of communication, and a fundamental part of the human condition.

Our intent in Art & Design is to:

Our aim is to encourage the development of key skills such as, independent learning and critical thinking. Through a varied creative programme, our vision is to develop knowledge, understanding and an ability to use: line, tone, shape, form, texture and pattern using different art materials and processes. These visual building blocks help to inform both an appreciation and understanding of art, and equip learners with the tools to explore and create art and design pieces.

Art and Design comprises an exciting mix of skills and knowledge-based learning which is at the core of our diverse and creative programme of study. Art and Design is taught to all students for 2 lessons a week. Students have the opportunity to opt at the end of Year 9 for AQA GCSE Art and Design.

Through their studies, students will have the opportunity to experiment with a variety of materials, techniques and processes, learning to communicate their ideas visually. Students will create personal work in response to their own ideas and the work of other artists and designers.

Our curriculum

What will you study?

Students will meet the four assessment objectives through an extended project on a theme chosen by their teacher. Past examples have included The Circus, Marine Life, Cubism and Natural Forms.

Projects will involve researching artists and working in their style, experimenting with a range of materials and techniques, recording observations and ideas through photography, drawing and annotation, and creating a personal response.

Visits to local galleries, exhibitions and study days will take place to encourage students to be more aware of historical and contemporary

examples of Art and Design in its broadest sense. Students will be expected to explore artists' work and investigate art movements using a variety of contextual references.

Career Progression

Art and Design should be regarded as an essential requirement for those intending to embark on a design related career. Students wishing to progress to Post 16 to study textiles, fashion, graphics, product design and photography, should seriously consider GCSE Art and Design.