

Curriculum Intent Statements

Faculty	Vocational				
Subject	Art (KS3) and Art Design (KS4)				
<p>Art is included throughout our curriculum offer from Years 7-11 as we believe that it gives our students an important outlet to explore their creative thinking and practical skills. It is a popular subject and students enjoy the variety of different art skills, processes, and techniques they get to experience at KS3 and into KS4 if they choose the subject as one of their option pathways.</p> <p>At KS3 in Years 7 & 8 our students embed and explore formal elements of art through a range of projects based on Historical and contemporary movements and artwork from other cultures. They explore their application of visual literacy through exercises in mark-making, mosaics, painting, 3D sculpture, and collage techniques. Students establish the foundation of skills that they will take through to Key stage 4. In year 9, they research the wider contexts of art, how it is displayed, how artists express their emotions and identity is explored in projects on Icons and Identity and food sculpture linked to Pop Art. This enables students to understand art's potential to transcend cultures and provide innovative solutions within the wider world.</p> <p>At KS4, we offer BTEC Level 1&2 Tech Award in Art and Design Practice. This course allows students to research and develop practical ideas to create their own responses to project briefs. They will study the work of different artists and explore the techniques and styles they use to create artistic pieces influenced by different styles and movements. Students are taught how to apply a range of techniques to produce original artwork of their own.</p> <p>The qualification is assessed through one external examination and two internally and externally assessed coursework modules. This format enables students to test their knowledge of the subject as well as develop their independent research, assignment writing, presentation, communication, problem solving and evaluation skills. The design elements of the course also encourage the creative and evaluative thinking skills that students will need as they move on to post-16 courses.</p> <p>The creative nature of art and design opens pathways for students to go on to a wide range of further courses and professions including graphic design, fashion design, architecture, animation, and multimedia artistry.</p>					
Curriculum Time / Week	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	1	1	1	3	3
KS4 Qualifications	BTEC Level 1-2 Tech Award in Art and Design Practice				
Useful Learning Resources	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/art-and-design-practice.html				
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