

Art and Design

The Art and Design curriculum engages, inspires and challenges pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. The projects that pupils cover, build upon the GCSE assessment objectives and have been designed to challenge pupils to:

1. Develop and refine their ideas.
2. Expand their skills and communicate a personal response.
3. Explore core skills in more depth whilst expanding their skill set and knowledge of different materials and media.
4. Analyse and take influence from a variety of artists.
5. Enhance their creativity.

Year 7

Over the course of the year pupils will learn the basics of observational drawing, media exploration and portraiture. In unit one they will develop their observational drawing skills by drawing 3D shapes and applying detail and tone to them using a variety of medias such as pencil shading, biro and pencil crayon. In unit two pupils will be focusing on drawing and painting the bright colours and patterns of tropical fish and exploring a range of different medias including printing, inks and water colour. In unit three pupils will move on to portraiture taking inspiration from artists Modigliani and Sandra Chevrier.

Year 8

In Year 8 pupils will continue to build upon their fundamental skills, refining their practical ability and showcasing their skills through challenging observational studies, media exploration and portraiture. In unit one they will focus on developing their observational drawing skills by drawing detailed seashells, paying close attention to colour, detail and tone. In unit two pupils will explore the theme of feathers and birds, experimenting with printing, inks and watercolour. In unit three, pupils will complete two self portraits in the style of artists Julian Opie and Hattie Stewart.

Year 9

In Year 9 pupils will continue to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of advanced techniques through observational studies, media exploration and portraiture. In unit one they will focus on pop art and make observational studies of well-known British confectionary items and take inspiration from female contemporary artist Saran Graham. In unit two, they will explore a range of different medias and mark making techniques through the theme of animal prints and patterns. In unit three, pupils will end the year by attempting two highly detail celebrity and self-portraits based on the work of artists Emily Brinkley and David Espau.

Extra-Curricular

Pupils will have the opportunity to join and contribute to a variety of extra-curricular activities including Art Clubs and year 11 booster sessions. Pupils are encouraged to pursue their own interests or take part in set activities. Additionally, pupils can support our productions, they are encouraged to take part in designing and making the set they are going to be performing on, this includes activities such as making props, designing staging, and creating posters.