

Art subject summary

Within Art, students will learn a variety of skills and techniques which will then be used to create a range of independent and creative outcomes. Drawing, painting, printing, photography and 3D are just a few of the techniques that will be developed. Students will also learn how to effectively research historical and contemporary artists, craftmakers and photographers linking to their project.

Year 7

This year focuses on developing basic skills such as tonal work, drawing from observation and painting skills. Students will begin to research artists and develop a clear understanding of colour and tone which will then be applied to their work.

Year 8

Students will build on previous learned knowledge and begin to master techniques and skills. An understanding of materials and colour will be further investigated and more advanced techniques such as portraiture and blending will be explored. Students will look at photography and printing within this year.

Year 9

Year 9 is a foundation year which allows students the time to explore and master the skills that were introduced at Key Stage 3. Students will focus on the natural world as a main project theme but will be encouraged to develop their work in an independent manner. Individual targets are set which link to the assessment objectives and will encourage confidence in decision making and use of the materials.

Year 10 and 11

Students will be undertaking the BTEC Level 2 qualification. These are a brief based projects and will require students to use the knowledge of materials, research materials and techniques acquired in year 9 and apply them to ensure the assessment criteria of the specialist pathways is met. All projects will encourage students to research, develop ideas and work towards a final outcome.

Year 11

An externally set assignment will be set from the exam board. Students will develop a project based on one of the themes which will include research, development of ideas and a final outcome.