

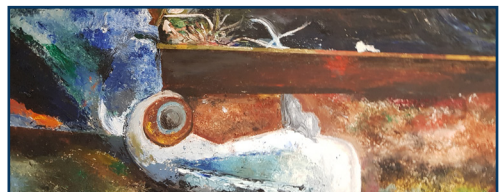
Art, Craft and Design



Art, Craft and Design is certainly the subject where each pupil can express herself across a wide range of media and techniques. We update unit outlines for each year group so that topics include fresh ideas, new inspiration and exciting learning opportunities for every individual.

Our learning spaces and The Studio offer many facilities and specialist tools, which give classes a wealth of areas to experience, including an excellent printing press, darkroom, craft equipment and ceramics, with an electric kiln.

Adobe Creative Cloud is accessible to all students during lessons and REC. Our Tate Modern trip presents them with an opportunity to engage directly with contemporary artists and designers.



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Key Stage 3

In Year 7 we explore 'Nature' and the girls develop a range of drawing skills from direct observation, including timed exercises using real objects like shells, leaves and sunflower heads. Following drawing exercises, pupils can then have access to our etching press, to create beautiful and professional intaglio prints.

Pupils in Years 7 to 9 gain confidence through topics and areas of study that allow for experimentation, expansion and a refinement of their skills.

We offer painting, drawing, printmaking, digital imaging, mixed media, textiles, surface decoration, ceramics and 3D. Pupils study contemporary and historical sources to enrich their understanding of the artistic world and we encourage creative risk taking, which, in turn, fills our school with exciting art works from across all age groups.



Key Stage 4 and 5

The students personally select a variety of scale and consider surface textures and colours. In The Studio, A Level students stock their own materials trolley according to their individual needs and creative preferences.

We follow the Unendorsed Art, Craft and Design Edexcel Specification at GCSE and A Level, as this approach offers the examination students plenty of scope to develop exciting outcomes in any self-selected media.

Following A Level, many of our students pursue Art and Design courses, including Graphic Design, Architecture, Animation and Fine Art. At school, their individual learning spaces allow full access to their work at all times during the week and for REC after school until 5.30pm each day.



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