

Subject name: Art and Design

General Statement of Intent:

The art department aims to encourage students to develop and explore their own artistic and creative abilities and have fun with a 'have a go' attitude.

Students are taught individually, embracing their needs, helping them to develop their fine motor skills as well as think creatively. This is through encouragement, modelling, and discussions (Growth Mindset and resilience) at their own level and pace (from our High Needs Groups to Y9/10/11 GCSE students).

The pupils are shown they can succeed, progressing in small steps. The pupils develop key skills for drawing and painting.

The curriculum allows them to work towards final pieces that are appropriate to their skills, with the more able pupils being encouraged to have greater ownership of what they produce.

Strategies are in place to support their needs, such as the use of peers alongside individual guidance, helping them to become confident, and taking pride in what they have achieved. The pupils enjoy seeing who is the 'Artist of the Week' which is shared on the school website.

Knowledge and Skills:

How to observe and look closer (including at the work of artists), how to solve problems, see connections, trust in their own abilities.

Assessment strategies including external examinations

Outstanding GCSE results.
100% pass rate achieved so far, including Levels 7, 6 and 5.
One student has progressed to Art School.

KS3, KS4 and intervention pupils are assessed on Earwig
KS4 pupils have the opportunity of studying GCSE Art and Design, which is a two year course.

Any additional notes

An Artist of the Week is chosen and published on the school website
An art exhibition to celebrate pupils' work takes place at the end of the school year, with a cross-section of all of the work produced.