

The Art Department

1. The department consists of a committed team of 2 full time and 2 part time Art teachers. Pupils' strength in independent creativity and examination results are our dual strength. We consistently produce excellent results with many students going on to Art Foundation and Undergraduate Level courses at renowned Universities.
2. Art is taken by all pupils from Years 7 and 8 and is an option in year 9, in 3 periods out of a 50 period school fortnight. GCSE Fine Art is a popular subject with approximately 70 students taking it per year. There are currently approximately thirty Year 12 and thirty Year 13 students. GCSE results are well above national averages. At A level, students study AQA Fine Art and results are consistently outstanding. At A-Level 100% achieved A*-C resulting in an ALPS level 2, placing the department results in the top 15% of the country in 2021.
3. The ethos of the department is one of encouraging the individual and building upon independence. We endeavour to provide a varied, enriching and motivating curriculum. Schemes of work at KS3 are well structured and designed to engage pupils of all abilities. Emphasis is made on building a broad foundation of skills and introducing a range of artists/contextual ideas whilst increasing responsibility for their own learning. In KS4, students of all abilities are strongly encouraged to be independent; developing their personal ideas, and to be ambitious in their work; producing high quality, engaging and varied work. At KS5, students are taught in a tutorial style, encouraging personal development and independence with opportunities to display their work in the A Level rooms.
4. The department offers a KS3 Art clubs, KS4 lunchtime sessions, and established day trips for GCSE, A Level and Highly Able pupils. Students are offered opportunities to take part in a range of Photography and Inter House Art competitions and where possible, opportunities to work with visiting artists.
5. The Art department consists of 3 Main Art rooms, two large A Level studios, Art library, 2 departmental offices and storage spaces.