



## **Art Department Background Information**

The Art Department comprises one full time teacher with the responsibility for the department (Director of Teaching and Learning for Art), one part-time teacher and the support of approximately three hours of technician time.

### **Accommodation and resources**

There are two Art rooms situated in the main building of the school. The successful post holder will utilize Art room 1 as their main teaching area.

There is good storage within the department with a well-stocked storeroom situated between the two classrooms. Both rooms are equipped for general Art. There is a small computer suite dedicated to Art and the department has access to a number of pupil iPads. The department has colour and black and white printers.

All teachers are equipped with their own iPad and laptop. There is excellent Wi-Fi throughout the school and both Art rooms have fixed projectors. Future plans include upgrading the projectors to interactive screen equipped with Apple TV. Digital Art is a strength of the department.

All Year 11 pupils have personal iPads from September 2021 as part of the school's Thrive Project.

### **Curriculum**

Pupils are taught in mixed ability groups in KS3. Each class is allocated a 100-minute lesson per fortnight. Class sizes vary with the average size being approximately 23 – 26 pupils.

Take-up for GCSE Art and GCSE Art Textiles varies ranging from 22 – 45 pupils from a cohort of 140. All pupils at KS4 have three 100 minute lessons per fortnight.

Results at GCSE are outstanding with a longstanding record of excellent outcomes in both Art and Art Textiles. The department is very proud of this track record and this culture of excellence is clearly visible in Art's status and presence in school. Art, Drama and Music are working towards gaining the Art's Mark.

Art plays a significant role in the school's ethos of extra-curricular opportunities. The department has been actively involved in local exhibitions, installations and local, Trust and national competitions.

The department has a high profile within the school with many art works exhibited around the corridors and public areas. We have strong links with the community and operate a very successful artist in residence scheme. Art activities encourage those with talent to shine and are always eager to get involved with new technologies.

Many pupils go on to study Art post 16 and we have a long record of established links with former pupils who are always willing to come back to support our pupils, especially our GCSE groups.