

Art and Design Technology Faculty

The Art and Design Technology Faculty consists of a wide range of subjects allowing students to work creatively in different media. All subjects give a practical approach to learning through exciting projects. The department has a range of well attended clubs and workshops and is popular with students. We provide a safe environment for learning, with a “can do” ethos to ensure that all students are successful.

Faculty Ethos

Our Faculty believe that every student has the right to a rich cultural education and the opportunity to live a fulfilled, healthy and creative life. We believe education should equip young people to meet the challenges they will encounter and prepare them for the world of work. The Art and Design and Design and Technology curricular facilitate the development of essential life skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, reflective practice, emotional intelligence, adaptability and resilience.

Within Art and Design students learn to communicate information, ideas and feelings, using a range of techniques and processes working in a variety of media. Our curriculum carefully combines the delivery of knowledge and skills to enable students to achieve effective outcomes. Students know how various issues, traditions and cultures have been expressed through art and design. They learn to express opinions and to respect those of others. They know how to decode images and understand the impact imagery can have on individuals and groups of people, developing an awareness of context.

We are a close team who value each other’s specialist skills and knowledge, regularly sharing ideas and resources. We teach across the faculty at KS3 and rely on a truly collaborative approach.

Accommodation

The accommodation comprises of a range of facilities, including a Technology workshop, a Graphic Design suite with touch screen computers, a sixth form study area, state of the art Catering kitchen, spacious art studios and a well-equipped photography room with Mac computers.

Staff

The Faculty is made up of six members of teaching staff and benefits from the support of three technicians. We also utilise links with outside agencies and professionals in order to offer enrichment opportunities for our students.

Curriculum

The Faculty offers a broad range of learning opportunities throughout Key Stage Three. Every Key Stage Three student benefits from two hours a fortnight of Art and three hours a fortnight of Design and Technology. Art and design projects at KS3 focus on three specialisms; painting, ceramics and printmaking. This allows students to develop skills across art, craft and design and builds a strong foundation for GCSE. Drawing underpins all projects and students are taught to draw in different ways and for different purposes. Each project is inspired by a particular art movement and/or specific artists, these are carefully selected to ensure students gain sound historical and cultural knowledge.

At Key Stage Four and Five we offer a range of GCSE and AS/A2 subjects including Product Design, Graphic Communication, Catering, Hospitality, Art and Photography.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The Faculty offers a full range of after-school clubs with opportunities available in each of the different subject areas. Each year we celebrate the work of our students through an end of year exam group exhibition and an annual Art and Design Technology competition. Both are well attended and show case the range of work and talent of our students.

