

## Visual Arts: More about the Faculty

The Visual Arts faculty at Ruskin is a large and thriving team. The faculty is well resourced and benefits from high quality staff facilities.

The faculty are passionate about evidence-informed pedagogical practice and have high expectations of the curriculum students should be able to access, adopting a knowledge rich approach. They want students to develop independence and aspiration, and recognise the importance of studying Visual Arts at school and beyond in giving meaning to the world around them.

The team is led by a Head of Faculty alongside Heads of Department in Technology, Art, Performing Arts and Engineering. The faculty are very proud of the curriculum offer and the quality of work the students produce. They are always looking for ways to expand the offer to students, and individual members of the group have found ways to expand their responsibilities, such as through developing trips, clubs and whole school projects.

Art, Technology and Performing Arts are subjects studied by all students at Key Stage 3. The Visual Arts offer at Key Stage 4 expands to include Photography and Engineering. The faculty has a presence in Sixth Form, where Art, Photography, Performing Arts, Graphics and Design Technology are popular amongst the students and many of the faculty have developed a number of specialisms.

We recognise and champion career pathways for talented professionals and as such, the department offers numerous opportunities to grow and develop your teaching career, from regular departmental training to full access of nationally recognised CPD suites through our teaching school.

There is a unique energy at Ruskin; we are forward thinking, aspirational and dynamic, yet warm and immersed in building collective efficacy across our staff and wider, colleagues across the Trust.

The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.