



# THE FOREST SCHOOL

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## Art Department Profile

Our enthusiastic and lively department plays a major role in life at Forest. We pride ourselves on achieving excellent results for students in both GCSE Art and GCSE Photography.

At Forest we believe Art has an important function in human development and is indispensable for the healthy growth of emotions, imagination and intelligence. Our role is in helping learners to understand the world and themselves through art – and develop their creativity as a transferable life skill. We believe in making Art accessible to all giving students the opportunity to explore and create becoming inquisitive and independent learners.

As a whole school subject, we take an active role with cross curricular initiatives, as well as facilitating and organising Challenge Days with visiting artists. To celebrate their work and give students a sense of pride and achievement, we have our on-line Gallery and public areas exhibitions. We have an open-door policy, where students are welcome to attend Art clubs during breaks and after school.

### **Y7, Y8 and Y9**

Pupils receive 2 lessons a fortnight.

The emphasis throughout this Key Stage is to develop and build confidence through the use of a wide range of materials and techniques, including 2-d and 3-d specialisms.

### **Y10 and Y11**

#### **AQA GCSE Art and Design: 2 Units (2-year course)**

Students attend 5 lessons a fortnight. Pupils are encouraged and supported with developing their own work. The course starts with a Foundation Style Unit 1 where they learn more advanced techniques to give them the skills and contextual knowledge base on which to build and complete a successful GCSE.



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Our courses are popular at GCSE. Pupils get to experience a wide range of specialist media, developing skills accordingly for printmaking, painting and drawing, photography and three-dimensional studies. We encourage pupils to continue work in their own time and make good use of the department facilities at lunch time and after school.

### **AQA GCSE Photography:** 2 Units (2-year course)

Pupils attend 5 lessons a fortnight. The department has a purpose-built darkroom and use of a computer suite. The course uses manual and digital cameras to encourage different ways of seeing.