



Art at South Nottinghamshire Academy

The successful applicant will join an expanding Art, Design and Technology team of highly motivated professionals, in enabling students to maximise their potential by developing a deep understanding and high skills level through engaging, challenging and enjoyable art lessons. The faculty has a friendly and supportive atmosphere with teaching and learning at the centre of everything we do and staff are supported in continually developing their practice as we all strive for excellence. We have formed excellent relationships with the various members of the Redhill Teaching School Alliance (RTSA) that we continue to work with. The RTSA provides a variety of CPD opportunities for staff to develop and improve their teaching practice, as well as excellent and regular network meetings to provide subject specific support, inspiration and moderation opportunities.

In September 2016, we moved into our brand new £10 million school which has provided the school community with a long-lasting, modern-day facility that has enhanced students' educational experience. The accommodation for Art, Design and Technology is on the ground floor of this new facility and consists of 2 art rooms, a design and technology workshop, food room, access to ICT facilities and a dedicated staff office for the department. The department is also supported by a part time technician who aids with ordering and preparing of materials, displays and in-class support where needed.

Key Stage 3

We have moved to a 3-year KS3, allowing student to achieve greater depth of understanding across the creative subjects and access a broad curriculum. Students are taught in mixed ability groups from year 7 to 9, and they receive 1 hour of art per week. Students follow a course that enables them to explore, investigate and master different art techniques using a variety of mediums, with projects in y7 and 8 on: Cubism, Fauvism, Expressionism, Arts and Crafts movement, Mythical Beasts and Creatures and human portraiture. In year 9 we study Impressionism, Renaissance period, Street art and Conceptual art, Futurism and Surrealism. The students remain with the same teacher throughout the year, allowing us to appropriately challenge and support them in our pursuit of excellence.

Key Stage 4

Students begin their GCSE option in year 10. Within Art, Design and Technology we currently offer AQA Fine Art, AQA Photography, AQA Design and Technology and OCR Food Preparation and Nutrition. In a similar way to Key Stage 3, the resources used to deliver lessons are largely those that have been created and developed by South Nottinghamshire Academy staff themselves. We aim to ensure that staff

follow their groups throughout Key Stage 4 to provide consistency in these crucial years. A school wide, structured intervention programme is in place at Key Stage 4 in order to support the whole school priority of raising the attainment and progress of all students.

Key Stage 5

Our sixth form students follow the AQA Fine Art A-level syllabus in year 12 and 13. Teaching at Key Stage 5 involves engaging and challenging projects that are adapted to enthuse and engage student's specific interests. All of our work with students is achievement focused with the aim to practice, embed, develop and master the skills and knowledge required, to not only achieve highly at A-level, but to enable progress onto university.

In all our work at South Nottinghamshire Academy we are driven by the goal of enabling students to achieve their best. We do this by focusing on teaching and learning and working collaboratively to create activities that allow students to develop independence, understanding and skills that prepare them for success in exams and when they leave South Nottinghamshire Academy. This ensures Art, Design and Technology lessons at South Nottinghamshire Academy are varied, engaging, challenging and effective.

We are now looking to add to our team an energetic, motivated and enthusiastic maternity cover teacher who can take an active part in developing and improving the teaching and learning of Art at South Nottinghamshire Academy.

In the next two years the department considers its main priorities to be:

- Continue and maintain the improvement in the percentage of 4-9 grades.
- Maintain the percentage of students achieving 5-9 grades.
- Improve the progress measures for all students.
- Increase the number of students attaining 9/A at Key Stage 4/Key Stage 5.
- Maintain the high number of students opting for Art, Photography, Design and Technology subjects at GCSE and A-level.
- Teaching and learning developments on questioning, providing quality feedback, independent learning and effective revision techniques.
- Increase the opportunities for extra-curricular and out of school learning experiences to support in class learning and engagement.

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