



The Oakwood
Academy

Arts and Design Faculty

The Arts and Design Faculty consists of Art, Drama, Music, and Design and Technology and Food and Nutrition. Arts and Design subjects are popular options at GCSE. The faculty benefits from excellent facilities, with each subject have subject specific rooming and equipment to help deliver the best curriculum possible. The ethos of the faculty is to ensure that vibrancy is core to everything we do, ensuring students gain a love for the Arts, giving them further breadth to their academic routes of their curriculum.

At Key Stage 3 the faculty focuses on building technical skills and creativity with a strong practical emphasis to develop good practice for Key Stage 4. Students study Art, Drama and Music once a week as discrete lessons, and Design and Technology twice a week. In Design, students work through units in Resistant Materials, Graphics, Food and Textiles.

The students choose their Guided Pathway in Year 9, starting their GCSE study in Year 10. We offer Design and Technology (AQA) and Hospitality in the Design field, alongside Art, Drama and Music. At GCSE, students have 6 lessons a fortnight to begin to develop the skills required to achieve highly at GCSE with a curriculum which integrates the necessary skills required for NEA completion and examination session.

We firmly believe that a vibrant Arts and Design faculty doesn't just end with the lessons the students attend. We run a series of enrichment clubs which all members of the team support in planning and delivering. We also actively encourage students to engage with the wider aspects of our subjects through trips and visits, to add to the vibrancy goal for all students in Arts and Design.

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Head of Arts and Design

