The Creative Arts Department

Belvedere consistently ranks as one of the top schools in Liverpool; despite this success, we are constantly striving to improve and develop all of our pupils, on both an academic and an extracurricular level. It is a non-selective, state-funded school, which accepts a mixed-ability cohort. The Creative Arts department is extremely proud of the continuing strong contribution we make to the whole school results in terms of both progress and attainment. Creative Arts can help with wellbeing and improving health and happiness – many students see these subjects as a haven and a place to be mindful. Learning through and about the Arts enriches the experience of studying while at school as well as preparing students for life after Belvedere.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Creative Arts department here at The Belvedere Academy is an incredibly successful and thriving environment to work in. It consists of four key subject areas; Art, Graphics, Food and Textiles. The students of The Belvedere Academy are inspirational and in the main high achieving. Within this context, the Creative Arts department presents the arts positively and as an academic subject, with equal status in relation to other subjects. It is therefore a subject which is well integrated and considered a popular choice and a realistic academic option for creative students. Whether their career choices favour mathematics, the Arts, Humanities, Sciences or Languages, students supplement their choices with the creatives as an enhancement to their academic objectives. For these reasons the Creative Arts department has a high profile in the academy. Its work forms continuing displays which draw the attention of pupils, parents and visitors to its achievements, whilst the annual exhibition of examination work is the high point of the year, its success exemplifying the high standards delivered by the students and it is an event which has consistently attracted positive feedback from our examination boards. The value of artists in the wider society is an intrinsic part of the department's teaching thereby underlining the value and worth of the subject. Positive links with the wider community through our outreach programme, gallery visits, joint projects with the Fact, Tate Gallery and cross curricular links within the school, are intrinsic to our philosophy to maintain and seek new partnerships.

Across the Arts we encourage creative risk, self-expression and exploration! We create many opportunities for our students to build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity. We celebrate our students' successes throughout the year in the newsletter, competitions, rewards, postcards of praise and finish the year with the Creative Arts Exhibition. We have a wide range of specialisms and expertise within the department, which allows the students to explore their own Art practice, develop critical thinking and hone the ability to interpret and challenge the world around us.

Enrichment activities play an incredibly important role in the day to day life of a Belvedere pupil and the Creative Arts department contributes to this by providing a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs to attend; from Interior Design and a Disney Drawing Club to Animation and an Arts Masterclass.

CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

The current management structure within the department includes a Subject Leader for Creative Arts who is also the Subject Leader for Textiles, together with two teachers of art, one of graphics and one of hospitality and catering. From September 2021, Creative Arts will combine with Performing Arts to create a new Curriculum Area for Creative and Performing Arts with a Curriculum Leader and Assistant Curriculum Leader and will incorporate textiles, art, graphics, hospitality and catering, drama, music and PE. Members of our team also hold responsibilities outside of the Arts as Head of Publicity and Group Leader of the Childnet Student Digital Leaders. We are a strong, dedicated and passionate team who have a shared vision of excellence ensuring our pupils do their utmost best. It is a collaborative and innovative environment where team members feel able to take risks and share their successes and failures. We are an incredibly strong department within the Academy who model outstanding practice in teaching, assessment, monitoring, tracking and intervention. The department consists of two art rooms, a fully equipped Graphics room with studio, a Textiles room, a food room and a photography studio.

For more information about our different subject areas, please visit the school website : https://www.belvedereacademy.net/

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