

THOMAS MILLS HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM



Art & Photography Department

Information for Applicants

January 2025

THE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The Art Department has a richly deserved reputation for excellence and this reflects the commitment and professionalism of the teachers who make up the Department. Although we are a Technology College, Art at Thomas Mills is a central part of the curriculum experience of all students and to emphasise its importance we have gained accreditation under the Artsmark Scheme. The quality of artwork produced by our students is impressively high and the annual Art exhibition which takes place in June every year is very well attended and draws much praise. The subject is very popular with students at Key Stage 4 where Art is a GCSE option, and in the Sixth Form where numbers opting for Art and Photography AS/A2 are very buoyant. This success is down to many factors, not the least the skill and enthusiasm of staff which is not just reflected in their teaching but in the trips they organise. In recent years, trips have been organised to Paris, Barcelona and Venice as well as regular trips to London galleries.

The Department enjoys good accommodation and is housed in 3 specialist rooms and a Photography Studio. The Photography Studio is a new development with darkroom and a class set of 15" laptops computers. (Some knowledge of Photoshop would be a great advantage)

The Art Department follows the National Curriculum at Key Stage 3 and the Edexcel Art syllabus at Key Stage 4 and 5. Standards of achievement both in raw and value added terms at GCSE and A Level are excellent.

The school is deeply committed to the professional development of staff and runs an excellent induction programme for new staff.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

We currently have 97 students studying art at GCSE

GCSE Results 2023

	9	8	7	6	4	3	2	1	U	Entries	% 9-4
Art & Design	3	8	22	36	23	2	3	0	0	97	82.01

We currently have students studying Art and Photography in year 12 and 13.

A2 Results 2023

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entries	%A-C	%A-E
Art & Design	3	6	6	12	1	0	0	26	96	100
Photography	4	7	7	11	4	0	0	33	94	100