



## **Creatives Learning Area**

The Creatives Learning Area is popular and successful at Sir William Romney's. The Learning Area is an environment where students can exercise their creativity and express themselves. Students learn valuable life skills such as developing imagination, problem solving, resilience, independence and self-confidence.

The creative environment is generated from enjoyable lessons where students learn every time they walk into the classroom; an interesting range of projects which allow all students to access them at all levels and high expectations of work and behaviour.

### **The Curriculum**

#### **Art**

At Key Stage 3 students have one lesson every week. The schemes of work are designed to enthuse the students, allowing them to learn about artwork from various cultures and ages and giving them valuable experience of a wide range of media and processes. At Key Stage 4 Art is a very popular subject with outstanding examination results at GCSE. The examination specification is AQA.

#### **Design Technology**

At Key Stage 3 students have two lessons per fortnight. DT runs a carousel system, meaning that each year students will spend half the year in Graphic Design and Product Design and the other half in Food and Textiles. The schemes of work are designed to allow students to develop knowledge, skills, techniques and processes within a practical class environment including the use of CAD/CAM. The subject is very well resourced and outcomes at GCSE are good. At KS4, we deliver the full DT GCSE (through this we offer Product Design and Graphic Design options) and Food Preparation and Nutrition; both of these are with EDUQAS.

#### **Music**

At Key Stage 3 all students have one lesson every week, where they are supported and encouraged to develop their skills as musicians. The curriculum is designed to ensure students have experiences that are broad and balanced; meaning that students are exposed to a wide variety of musical styles. Students can benefit from a talented and committed team of peripatetic teachers who offer lessons in Voice, Piano/Organ, Woodwind, Brass, Guitar and Drums. A high proportion of students receive lessons from our peripatetic team, and we are fortunate to have a substantial budget in place to support disadvantaged students in accessing lessons.

The Music Department produces three main performance opportunities each year. Our highly successful annual Community Carol Service takes place in Term 2 at St Marys' Church and involves our partner primary schools. In Terms 3 and 4 students work hard to prepare for 'SWR Arts Star', our annual talent show. The final event in the musical calendar is 'Proms in the Park'; an outdoor musical celebration full of pomp and circumstance involving local primary schools and community groups. The Music Department works closely with the wider school community to produce whole school productions and music at important events in the school calendar.

The Department is well equipped for effective music lessons and there is a strong history of extra-curricular clubs, concerts and community events. At GCSE the examination specification is currently OCR, with over double the national average number of students electing to study Music at Key Stage Four.

### **Accommodation**

Art and DT have their own block separate to the main school building. Within the block, there are two art rooms and four DT rooms. Of the DT rooms, there is one food room and one product design room as well as two classrooms that are used for theory. Music is located in the main building and has excellent resources with two teaching spaces, one of which is a recording studio and the other a classroom with six jam hub stations. There are also a number of practise rooms next to the classrooms.

### **Staff and Responsibilities**

Colin Davies – Leader of Learning Creatives

Katherine Cropley – Curriculum Coordinator DT

Clare Truscott-Jones – Part-Time Teacher of DT Food and Textiles

Vacancy – Part-Time Teacher of Design Technology & Art

Peter Dillon – Curriculum Coordinator Music & Head of Year 7