



The Oakwood
Academy

Arts and Design Faculty

The Arts and Design Faculty consists of Art, Drama, Music, Dance, 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.

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. Our intention is for students to develop a life long love of the arts. Students study Art, Drama and Music once a week as discrete lessons, and Design and Technology twice a week.

Students choose their option GCSE's at the end of year 9, meaning that we teach the GCSE over two years. We aim for students to be independent and ambitious learners throughout their two year courses. We have a strong uptake of students for these courses across the faculty and this is an agenda to continue developing.

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 as well as building towards public performances in each term. We also actively encourage students to engage with the wider aspects of our subjects through trips and visits.

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Head of Arts and Design

