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 specfic rooming and equipment to help deliver the best curriclum 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. 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 Resitant Materials, Graphics, Food and Textiles. Dance is taught as part of the PE rotation.

The GCSE courses start in Year 9 and this allows us three years to develop pratically as well as ensuring that they are prepared for the exam at the end of the course. At GCSE, students have 4 lessons a fortnight for their options subjects in Year 9, increasing to 5 lessons in Years 10 and 11. Year 9 allows students to continue their skills developments, whilst Years 10 and 11 help students to finalise their coursework and prepare effectively for the final exams. All students also study some element of Arts and Design as part of their core curriculum offer in Year 9.

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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