Sir John Nelthorpe School



Technology & Art - Structure of the Faculty

The Technology & Art Faculty is led by a Head of Faculty and supported by an Assistant Head of Faculty. There are four full-time teachers and two part-time teachers within the faculty and the faculty is supported by two part-time technicians. There is also an assigned Senior Leadership Team line manager.

The Technology & Art Faculty continues to grow and develop, offering pupils a diverse, dynamic, and forward-thinking curriculum. Each member of the team is given an opportunity to contribute to our pupils' experiences of the subjects taught within the faculty, building on the expertise within the team. In addition, faculty-wide systems and a collaborative ethos, including a collaborative approach to planning and resourcing lessons, mean that the Art, Design & Technology Faculty is one in which teachers can thrive and develop. Most staff within the faculty currently teach across multiple subjects within the faculty.

Curriculum

Pupils experience:

Key Stage 3

Art – 1 x 50-minute lesson per week
D&T (Resistant) – 1 x 50 minute per week
D&T (Compliant) – 1 x 50 minute per week

Key Stage 4

AQA GCSE Art (Fine Art) – 3 x 50 minute lessons per week
AQA GCSE Art (Photography) – 3 x 50 minute lessons per week
AQA GCSE Food & Nutrition – 3 x 50 minute lessons per week
Cambridge National Engineering Design – 3 x 50 minute lessons per week

Key Stage 5

AQA A-Level Art & Design – 5 x 50 minute lessons per week

Our curriculum is based around a three-year KS3 and a two-year KS4 model. Teaching groups are taught in mixed ability. Through a carefully planned curriculum, with guidance and support, we hope that every pupil can find enjoyment through their learning of creative subjects in such a way that it prepares them to express their individuality and originality using a variety of practical mediums.

The faculty places high value on pupils' engagement within design work, promoting their creativity to produce outcomes of an outstanding nature; there are opportunities to develop the extra-curricular activities offered by the faculty, which currently include entries to various local art competitions, STEM club & Food club.

We work as a faculty to plan courses and to develop resources for use in delivering the curriculum. Much of our success as a team stems from the corporate approach that we take to all aspects of teaching and learning and the willingness for all members of the team to work together to achieve our common goal of being 'outstanding'.

You will join the Faculty at an exciting time. We currently have at our disposal two workshop spaces, two design classrooms (one is equipped with a full suite of PCs), one food & nutrition kitchen and two art rooms (inc. a full suite of laptops). It is the intention from September 2023 to be able to relocate some, or possibly all, of these classrooms into brand-new state of the art facilities. We are also looking to expand our curriculum offer to include a vocational Construction course for our new Y10 cohort from September 2023.