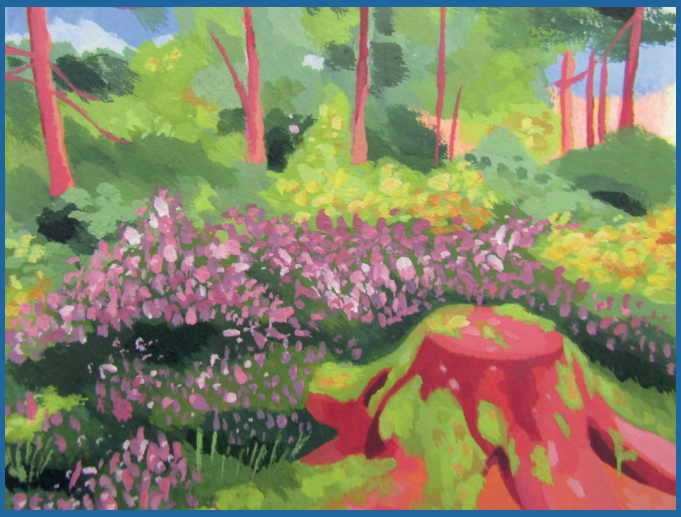
Maelor Sixth



Art, Craft and Design WJEC A Level

Subject Leader: Mrs S Hartigan

Introduction

The art department is an exciting, creative, relaxing, engaging environment for students to develop independence and enthusiasm in the realm of Art, Craft and Design. Students pursue personal lines of enquiry informed by guided cultural elements, contemporary and historical references. Students will explore diverse types of art in a range of specialisms such as Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics, Photography and Sculpture. Students will extend their own work using examples from diverse cultures and time periods.

The Course



Year One

- Personal Investigation - Coursework with no external exam
- One personal creative enquiry, A3 sketchbook

Year Two

- Personal Investigation - Coursework
- Externally Set Assignment

Workshops will cover:

- Advanced Development of Drawing and Painting using acrylic, oil, gouache, and water colours
- Advanced Development of Photography and Digital Photography
- A range of advanced forms of print making
- Advanced Development of ceramic, glazing, wire/card construction, plaster, latex, and moulding
- Art History and Art Movements from 15th Century to current day selected depending on the student's line of enquiry



Students experience new interactive techniques every year with an emphasis on the use of mixed media.

Assessment



AS - Year 12

Coursework and an A3 Sketchbook worth 40% of the full A Level grade

A Level - Year 13

Coursework worth 36% and an externally set assignment worth 24% of the full A Level grade

Entry Requirements

- A genuine interest in Art
- GCSE grade B/6 or above in Art or Art related subject
- GCSE grade C/4 in both English and Maths

Further Information

The department arranges a variety of inspiring trips to Liverpool, London, and Paris. Professional, national, and international artists visit the school and students work with these artists to develop creative ability. The department works closely with Oriel Gallery, Wrexham, to encourage students to produce blogs and web pages to gain personal commissions. Students have secured unconditional offers to study Art & Design at prestigious universities and schools of art securing the opportunity to become top artists and designers in our country.



Links to Future Careers

A Level Art develops a strong understanding of historic and contemporary visual art practice, through supporting contextual studies. It supports skills to progress into:

- Graphic and gaming design
- Web and App development
- Film, animation, set and model design
- Careers for TV, film and theatre, special effects
- Architecture and interior design
- Publishing, editorial and journalism
- Fashion, textile design and 3D design
- Advertising, branding and packaging design



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