

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

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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. It is suitable for students with previous experience in GCSE Art achieving a B or higher grade. Pupils are encouraged to pursue their own lines of enquiry informed by guided cultural elements, contemporary and historical references. Students will explore different types of art in a range of specialisms such as Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics, Photography and Sculpture. Students will show evidence of trying to extend their own work and others' work by seeing examples from different cultures and time periods.

The Course Involves:

Year One

- 100% course work with no exam
- One personal creative enquiry, A3 sketchbook

Workshop will cover:

- Advanced Development of Drawing
- Advanced Development in Painting using acrylic, oil, gouache and water colours
- Advanced Development of Photography
- Digital Photography
- A range of advanced forms of print making
- Advanced Development of ceramic, glazing, wire/ card construction, plaster, latex and moulding
- New interactive techniques are taught every year with an emphasis on the use of mixed media
- Art History & Art Movements are studied from 15th Century to current day depending on the pupil's line of enquiry

Year Two:

- Personal Investigation - 36%
- Externally Set Assignment - 24%

Assessment

- AS - 40%
- A Level - 60%

Particular Subjects, Skills or Interests

Students should have a genuine interest in Art and a grade B/6 or above in GCSE Art or Art related subject.

Study Visits/Artist Visits

The department arranges a variety of inspiring trips to Liverpool, London and Paris. On the course we have a range of professional, national and international artists who visit the school to teach pupils in stimulating workshops. Students have the opportunity to work with national and international artists to develop their creative ability.

Post-18 Opportunities

The successful department works closely with Oriel Gallery, Wrexham, to encourage pupils to start blogs and web pages in order to gain personal commissions. Pupils have been accepted and often gain unconditional offers to study Art & Design at prestigious universities and schools of art, proudly giving them the opportunity to become the top artists and designers in our country.

Subject Leader: Mrs S Hartigan

Subject Champions 2020/21



Charlie Williams

Studying: Art, Craft & Design, Product Design, Mathematics, Physics & Welsh Baccalaureate.

Future aspirations: to become an Architect.

Amy Jones

Studying: Art, Craft & Design, Biology, Chemistry & Welsh Baccalaureate.

Future aspirations: to become a Biomedical Scientist.

"Art is an enjoyable and expressive subject filled with opportunities. We enjoy expressing our creativity by experimenting with different styles, materials and medias. The friendly atmosphere creates a close-knit community of art students, providing support and sharing ideas. Art is a perfect stepping stone if you want to progress to a creative career."