

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

WJEC A LEVEL

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 Pupils are encouraged to pursue their own lines of enquiry informed by guided cultural elements, contemporary and historical references.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

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 2021/22



Lara Eardley

Studying: Welsh Baccalaureate, Art, Craft & Design, Biology and Psychology.

Future aspirations: to study neuroscience at university.

Katrina Leeder

Studying: Welsh Baccalaureate, Art, Craft & Design, Biology and Psychology.

Future aspirations: to study criminal psychiatry at university.

"We love to think out-of-the-box and express these ideas into beautiful artwork. Art allows us to create something out of nothing using all types of art medium such as paints, inks, sculpture and ceramics. Creating involves expressing ourselves in all sorts of ways and making us think much more deeply with our ideas."