

Art Department

Intent:

In Art and Photography we aim to teach a variety of skills and techniques which develop the creative knowledge of our students. We work to make students aware of the Artists, Imagery and Cultural Influences that impact and support our society. This is a core focus taught to all year groups.

As a department we intend to inspire all of our students through an exciting and stimulating curriculum that spans across a variety of mediums. It is our aim to monitor and improve the attainment of all our pupils, ensuring that lessons can be accessed by all.

Our aim is to inspire pupils to take up Art as they move higher up the school, to allow them to build their creative confidence and develop key life skills such as: problem solving, resilience, organisation and independence.

Within Art and Photography, we plan to stretch and challenge all of our students, to encourage students to pursue creative ideas, have a deeper cultural awareness and leave school equipped with the creative knowledge they deserve and need.

Implementation:

In Art and Photography we use a variety of teaching and learning strategies to ensure students of all abilities are stretched and challenged, that they are engaged with the curriculum and are enthusiastic about given tasks. Within our schemes of work, we teach a variety of techniques, processes and skills to create work across a variety of mediums. Literacy and Numeracy skills are also developed during tasks through the use of key words, analysis of artwork, drawing shapes and working out composition. Feedback and marking is used throughout the department as a vehicle to learning, with students receiving written feedback as well as ongoing verbal assessment and support in lesson time.

Beyond the Classroom:

Art trips are used to explore galleries and Art works to enhance pupil's visual experiences and understanding. These trips are usually targeted at KS4 and KS5. We are aware that not all students have access to Art materials outside of the classroom and so we aim to provide weekly Art 'catch up' sessions targeted specifically at GCSE students, allowing them to progress and develop their own work outside of lesson time. An 'open door' policy is used to allow the art enthusiasts of Yr7 and 8 to develop their skills even further. An achievement board is situated on the landing of the Art corridor which recognises the successes of Archway students. Our yearly summer exhibition promotes our GCSE and A Level students hard work and exhibits fantastic work created during their coursework projects and examinations. The exhibition is also a chance to promote our subject to the public and inspire younger students. We want our subject to be recognised and celebrated across the school so collaborations with other departments is essential.

Resources:

6 x Canon 1300D and 6 x 1000D cameras
15 computers with Adobe Creative suite
Studio lighting and flash equipment
Large format Epson printer
Laser printer
Art, craft and design materials