

Key Stage 4 Art

This course provides a practical opportunity for students to develop their skills and understanding of the role, purpose and function of Art and Design.

Central to the course will be the development of drawing and painting skills, an ability to interpret visually what is seen, and to work in a sketchbook on research and development of ideas.

Practical involvement in Art and Design will encourage students to develop skills in using materials in a personal and inventive way. They will be able to test their own ideas in seeking solutions to Art and Design themes and questions.

Critical and art history activities will be integrated with practical activities encouraging interest and investigation into the way a variety of artists have worked.

The course will give pupils the opportunity to work in the areas of Drawing and Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Digital Media and Printmaking. Great talent is not essential. Students of average ability have been highly successful when they have enjoyed the activities, been interested in the subject and prepared to do the work. As there are twice as many periods given to the subject than in the lower school, students usually find their standards rise quite quickly. Universities (all faculties) welcome achievement in a creative subject at GCSE level by applicants. They see it as part of a 'rounded', full education.

The final assessment requirements will be a portfolio of coursework including a sketchbook and a controlled test. For further information please contact Mrs Brown.