

Subject Overview

Our Art & Design curriculum aims to enhance learners' experience in exploring sense-of-self and the ability to elicit their thoughts, ideas and opinions. Studying Art & Design teaches learners how to communicate in a personal way by turning their experiences and ideas into a visual language. This will happen through observation, understanding, decision making, exploration, experimentation, research, discovery and purpose. Arts subjects encourage self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.

The subject includes:

- Practical knowledge: experimenting and exploring a wide range of media in 2 and 3 dimensions, producing creative work, exploring ideas, recording experiences, developing skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques.
- Theoretical knowledge: learning about great artists, craft-makers and designers, and understanding the historical and cultural development of their art forms. Evaluating and analysing creative works using the language of art, craft and design.
- Disciplinary knowledge: interpreting art, discussing how and why art is made and learning how critics judge and evaluate art.

Student Outcomes

By studying Art & Design, young people will develop a broad range of knowledge and skills:

- **Literacy:** the ability to critically review their work and the work of others, share their thoughts, ideas and opinions and express themselves and record their experiences.
- **Technical Skills:** the ability to use technology to create digital artwork and to showcase their work.
- **Creative Appreciation and Expression:** understanding of how artists explore their perspectives and experiences creatively, and the opportunity to create their own works
- **Careers and Employment:** students will know about a range of careers in the Creative Industries

Qualifications

Art & Design students in Key Stages 4 or 5 may be entered for:

- GCSE Art & Design/ Photography/ Graphic Communication

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- BTEC Art & Design
- NCFE Level 1 Creative Craft/ Photography/ Graphic Design
- AQA Unit Award Scheme