

Heathside School Art Curriculum Area

Staffing

Heathside's Art Curriculum Area consists of three full time staff, who, as well as teaching Art work in others areas of the school. There is also a part time art technician. They are all Art specialists with relevant degrees.

Curriculum

Art is taught for one 50 minute lesson per week to every student in Key Stage 3. From the Autumn of Year 7 onwards, students work in learning groups which are based broadly on student ability.

In Key Stage 3 students work towards a final piece every term which is designed to cover a range of skills and content prescribed by the National Curriculum. All materials are written by the Curriculum Area's teaching staff and are based on 3 main skill areas: mixed media, 2D media and 3D media. The Curriculum Area has been working towards setting themes for the year group and exploring the same theme in three different ways. Currently, students are studying 'Our Environment' in Year 7, 'Objects' in Year 8 and 'Identity' in Year 9.

Key Stage 4 students are able to select art as an option and this has been a popular choice in recent years. Students study Edexcel Art and Design for three 50 minute periods a week creating two portfolios of work.

Art is a popular subject within the sixth form with an excellent track record of results. Many students continue art onto university. In recent years, sixth form students have received unconditional offers to high ranking art university foundation courses.

The Art department have provided students with a number of school enrichment opportunities which include Life drawing, artist in residence sculpture workshops, trips to London galleries and a very popular weekly animation club. At the end of each year GCSE and A Level students exhibit their work in the annual school Art and Textile Exhibition.

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