



Matravers School

Design Arts

The Department

The Design Arts Department is recognised as a strong creative hub of the school and has a strong tradition of academic achievement at both GCSE and A Level.

The Design Arts Department currently brings together 3D Design, Art, Graphics, Textiles and Photography and is comprised of five full time teachers who many can teach holistically across all specialisms. The curriculum area of Food is also delivered via the Design Arts department, with three of our teachers also teaching this area. The school is now looking to appoint an enthusiastic, ambitious and well qualified Art and Design teacher who is able to teach in various specialism to build upon the excellent standards already established.

Curricular Provision

Students in **Key Stage 3 (Yr7 and 8)** have 2 lessons a fortnight.

- Year 7 and 8 follow three of our specialisms, projects cover 3D Design, Art and Graphics. Year 7 predominately focus on building up Drawing and Design skills, alongside presenting sketchbooks and practical projects. Showing a basic understanding of colour, line, form, tone and texture.
- Year 8 continue to build on the above skills and develop a wider practical base and further understanding of how artist influence our work and ideas.
- Year 9 opt for their specialism and are taught in 4 lessons over a fortnight. The projects they undertake replicate the GCSE coursework and allow students specific development of their chosen specialism. Currently we are offering, 3D Design, Art, Textiles and Photography.

We have recently reworked our programme of study to provide a strong foundation for the new GCSE choices; therefore students study work that allows them to develop their understanding of the assessment objectives required at GCSE and build skills to allow success at KS4 and further.

At **Key Stage 4** we offer OCR Art and Design specification which includes a 10 hour practical exam. In **Key Stage 5** we offer AQA Art and Design Specification, which includes a written pieces which provides our A level students with skills required of them at degree level. KS5 also sit a 15 hours practical exam.

Extra-Curricular Provision

The department is very keen to offer the students cross-curricular opportunities. This is evident within our work on the school production working with Drama, Dance and Music. We offer afterschool clubs to Year 7 through into 6th form producing all the props, sets and costumes for the production. This has always been a strong pull for A level students who impress us with their talents and leadership skills.

Over recent years, we have developed our A level visit to London to develop our students cultural and critical understanding of artist work in the flesh. We also have used this trip to reward Yr10 Art and Photography students for outstanding commitments to the beginning of Yr10.

Within the last 2 years, we have acquired a 3D Printer and have set up small 3D printing group afterschool to introduce the 3D printer, Sketch up and Tinker CAD to students developing their understanding of the technology available in the wider world of work in Art and Design.

This year we have also reinstated photography field trips to various locations and would like to develop this further within the new school year, providing all Art and Design students with an out of school of Art and Design experience.