

ART AT SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ACADEMY

The successful applicant will join an expanding Art, Design and Technology team of highly motivated professionals, in enabling students to maximise their potential by developing a deep understanding and high skills level through engaging, challenging and enjoyable art and photography lessons. The faculty has a friendly and supportive atmosphere with teaching and learning at the centre of everything we do and staff are supported in continually developing their practice as we all strive for excellence. We have formed excellent relationships with the various members of the Redhill Teaching School Alliance (RTSA) that we continue to work with. The RTSA provides a variety of CPD opportunities for staff to develop and improve their teaching practice, as well as excellent and regular network meetings to provide subject specific support, inspiration and moderation opportunities.

In September 2016, we moved into our brand new £10 million school which has provided the school community with a long lasting, modern day facility that has enhanced students' educational experience. The accommodation for Art, Design and Technology is on the ground floor of this new facility and consists of 2 dedicated art rooms, a design and technology workshop, food room, access to ICT facilities and a dedicated staff office for the department. The department is also supported by a part time technician who aids with ordering and preparing of materials, displays and in-class support where needed.

The school as a whole is in a very interesting phase of curriculum development with major changes to the program of study and particularly the new 1-9 GCSE. As a result of this we have a three year Key Stage 4 and the students have increased hours of Art, Design and Technology at Key Stage 3.

Key Stage 3

Currently students are taught in mixed ability groups from year 7 to year 8, and they receive 1 hour per week within Art. The students follow a course that enables them to explore, investigate and master different art techniques using a variety of mediums, with projects on Van Gogh, Pop Art, William Morris, Cultural Masks and Portraiture. The students remain with the same teacher throughout the year, allowing us to appropriately challenge and support them in our pursuit of excellence.

Key Stage 4

Students begin their GCSE option in year 9. Within Art, Design and Technology we currently offer AQA Fine Art, AQA Photography, AQA Design and Technology and OCR Food Preparation and Nutrition. In a similar way to Key Stage 3 the resources used to deliver lessons are largely those created and developed by South Nottinghamshire Academy staff themselves. We aim to ensure that staff follow their groups throughout Key Stage 4 to provide consistency in these crucial years. A school wide, structured intervention programme is in place at Key Stage 4 in order to support the whole school priority of raising the attainment and progress of all students.

Key Stage 5

Our sixth form students follow the AQA Art and Design A-level syllabus in year 12 and 13. Teaching at Key Stage 5 involves engaging and challenging projects that are adapted to enthuse and engage student's specific interests. All of our work with students is achievement focused with the aim to practice, embed, develop and master the skills and knowledge required, to not only achieve highly at A-level, but to enable progress onto University.

In all our work at South Nottinghamshire Academy we are driven by the goal of enabling students to achieve their best. We do this by focusing on teaching and learning and working collaboratively to create activities that allow students to develop independence, understanding and skills that prepare them for success in exams and when they leave South Nottinghamshire Academy. This ensures Art, Design and Technology lessons at South Nottinghamshire Academy are varied, engaging, challenging and effective.

We are now looking to add to our team an energetic, motivated and enthusiastic teacher who can take an active part in developing and improving the teaching and learning of Art and Photography at South Nottinghamshire Academy.

In the next two years the department considers its main priorities to be:

- Increase the level of challenge and engagement at Key Stage 3.
- Continuing the improvement in the percentage of 4-9 grades.
- Increase the percentage of students achieving 5-9 grades.
- Improve the progress measures for all students.
- Increase the number of students attaining 9/A at Key Stage 4/Key Stage 5.
- Ensure that schemes of work are relevant, up to date and engaging for the new specifications.
- Increase the number of students opting for Art, Design and Technology subjects at GCSE and A-level.
- Teaching and learning developments on questioning, providing quality feedback, independent learning and effective revision techniques.
- Increase the opportunities for extra-curricular and out of school learning experiences to support in class learning and engagement.

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