



Sandwell Academy Area of Experience

Design & Technology, Art & Design, Hospitality & Catering

The Deputy Head with responsibility for this area works with eight members of teaching staff and two members of support staff (Workshop Technician and a part – time Art/Display Technician) to facilitate the teaching of Design & Technology, Art & Design and Hospitality & Catering. There are four teachers of Design & Technology, two full time teachers and two part time teachers of Art & Design and one teacher of Hospitality & Catering.

Art & Design leadership is split between two experienced members of staff. One has responsibility for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 5, and the other has responsibility for Key Stage 4. The Curriculum Leaders report to the Deputy Head with regard to standards in the department.

The team are committed to delivering the highest standard of education and are enthusiastic and passionate about their subject area. Every team member has a key role to play in developing schemes of work and resources.

At Key Stage 3 all students follow both subjects. In Year 7, 3 hours being allocated per week for Design & Technology and 1.5 hours for Art and Design. This is reversed in Year 8. Teachers are expected to teach a class for a whole year. The amount of time dedicated to all areas is in line with national guidelines and students are taught in class sizes of 26 or less.

At Key Stage 4 students can opt to study an AQA GCSE in either Design & Technology (Product Design), Art & Design or 3D Art. GCSE Catering is taught in Key Stage 4, with students following the AQA Food and Nutrition course. Students commence their Key Stage 4 studies in Year 9 and complete a foundation year in their specialism before beginning the coursework element of the GCSE itself.

At Post 16, students study AQA 'A' Level Art & Design and WJEC 'A' Level Product Design with a number of candidates studying both. We are keen to give students a range of experiences and provide visits off site and invite guest artists, speakers and industrialists into the Academy.

The facilities are 'state of the art' and are open plan in nature, with Design & Technology and Art & Design having separate designated areas and Hospitality and Catering being taught using the professional standard training kitchen. We are well resourced in ICT with all teaching areas having interactive smart boards and there are two ICT teaching areas within the department with 26 student PCs in each. ICT plays a large role in planning and delivery of the curriculum and students can access resources online from their homes.

Within the Art & Design area there are four designated teaching spaces and there are facilities for ceramics and also a range of other facilities for work in other media. The curriculum is regularly enhanced by the use of visiting Artists.

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Deputy Head
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