**DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

**ART DEPARTMENT**

The Art Department currently consists of five experienced members of staff and a full time technician.  Art is a very popular subject at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. Our results are excellent and reflect a highly organised, supportive and motivated department. As a department, we currently deliver Art and Textiles at GCSE, and Art, Photography and Textiles at A level.

**Our Ethos:**

Art is a highly regarded subject at Alexandra Park School and is a popular choice at GCSE and A Level and as a department, we aim to promote a life-long love of Art, and strive to enable all of our students to understand what it means to create Art. We aim to develop students’ confidence and ability to communicate their own ideas visually and aim:

* To encourage students to express their ideas and feelings through a broad range of materials and techniques.

• To develop a creative and enjoyable atmosphere that allows every student a potential to be creative in a personal and meaningful way.

• To ensure that we cater for the individual learning needs of all students and abilities through a variety of resources and activities ensuring that students achieve their targets.

• To deliver good practice and show the full potential of Art.

• To articulate issues relating to the work of other artists from a variety of cultures, past and present.

**Teaching and Learning:**

**Key Stage 3**

All schemes of work have been created to engage and enthuse students. New members of the department will benefit from detailed and well-resourced schemes of work, Interactive White Board lessons and various assessment-for-learning activities incorporated across the key stage.

**GCSE**

Art is a very popular subject at GCSE, with three Art classes and Textiles class in each year at Key Stage 4. We study the Edexcel syllabus and our students produce two projects to for their Personal Portfolio (component 1 60%)-Yr.10 Human Figure/ Yr. 11 Interrogating the Object, in addition to the Externally Set Assignment (exam) in year 11 (component 2 40%).

Our results are always excellent with the department achieving above 95% A\*-C and 50% A\*/A in recent years.

**A Level- Edexcel**

There are currently eight Art A level classes (one in Art, two in Photography and one in Textiles in each year group), and the subject continues to be a popular choice for our Year 13 students going onto university. In AS Art and Photography, students spend the first term completing a foundation course where they develop their skills and are encouraged to develop the basic skills in Art/Photography. For the remainder of the course students focus on a given theme, and then develop preparatory work for their final external exam.

At A’ Level, students select a theme of their choice from a series of titles provided and produce a body of work in response to their theme; students are expected to complete five hours homework each week. Our results are excellent with 60%-70% of students achieving A\*-B grades at A2 over the last 5 years.

**Facilities and Resources**

The department has four specialist art rooms which are spacious, one of which is a 6th form studio, each is fully equipped and spacious with views overlooking the golf course and neighbouring countryside. Our sixth form studio also consists of several computers with various design software. We have a dark room and designated Photography classroom; there is also a Kiln room and a fully resourced stock room.

**Extra-Curricular**

The Art department offers a broad range of extra-curricular activities for our students, including gallery visits (Tate Modern / Saatchi Gallery/ National Portrait Gallery)/ Artist in Residence/ Weekly Art Clubs KS3/4).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any other information you require.

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