



Teacher of Art

Job Description and Department Information

The Creative Arts department comprises five teachers, supported by two part-time technicians and one part-time administrator. The department occupies:

- 2 large art rooms for Key Stages 3-4
- kiln room
- photography editing room
- photography studio and dark room
- large Sixth Form art studio
- 2 textiles rooms

The department is highly successful at all key stages and makes a significant contribution to the success and reputation of the school with an excellent record in examinations at both GCSE and A level. At Key Stage 4, students have the opportunity to follow up to three endorsements in GCSE Fine Art, Photography and Textiles (EDEXCEL). On average, each year, over half the cohort will choose a creative subject at GCSE and often students will choose more than one.

Post 16, the Creative Arts Department offers an A level course in Fine Art, Photography and Textiles (AQA). Many students go on to study Art & Design courses at colleges and universities once leaving Prior's Field and, through our portfolio workshops, we endeavour to prepare them for applications and interviews for foundation and degree courses. As with GCSE, the Creative Arts subjects are very popular with students.

We have a number of Art trips which provide a great opportunity for students to experience the art world. These include various trips to London galleries as well as two residential trips each year, one to Italy with the lower school and one trip with A level students to a European city. Other highlights include large exhibitions, life drawing classes for GCSE and A level, and workshops by artists who provide fresh inspiration.

The Teacher of Art will report to the Head of Creative Arts.

Responsibilities of this post:

- Teaching Art to KS4 and KS5.
- Assisting the Head of Department in promoting the highest possible quality of experience and achievement in learning for the pupils.
- Monitoring the quality of teaching and learning, including marking, and assisting the Head of Department in promoting effective lessons within the Department.
- Analysing the performance of pupils and suggesting appropriate interventions.

- Assist in organising an exciting array of events, trips and master classes to promote Art.
- Assisting with assessing pupils for entrance to the school and with taster days and promoting the school.

Additional responsibilities of all teaching staff include:

- Supporting the ethos of a boarding school and working in accordance with the school's aims and policies.
- Maintaining good order and discipline among pupils, safeguarding their health and safety at all times when they are the responsibility of the school.
- The school places a high priority on excellent pastoral care and this responsibility is shared by all staff.
- Maintaining high standards of time keeping, attending assemblies, playing an active role in the life of the school, including the extra-curricular activities programme, supporting school functions and attending year group social events, where appropriate.
- Carrying out supervisory and general duties as reasonably required, upholding good standards of behaviour and punctuality among pupils.
- Participating in meetings as required.
- Preparing and teaching lessons in accordance with agreed departmental and school schemes of work and teaching strategies.
- Knowing and adhering to all school and departmental policies.
- Setting and marking work regularly, including homework, according to school policy and in a style agreed within the department.
- Assessing, recording and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils in accordance with departmental and school policies.
- Undertaking duties as a Form Teacher.
- Participating in arrangements for preparing and assessing pupils' work for public examinations.
- Contributing to the formulation and revision of departmental schemes of work, teaching resources, assessment materials and developing new courses.
- On taking up a new appointment, participating in the school's programme of induction and review of new staff.

- Participating in the school's Annual Appraisal programme.
- Participating in arrangements for staff development and INSET.
- Participating in administrative and organisational tasks related to all the above, including management and supervision of all ancillary staff when appropriate.
- Attending all required school functions, as directed by the Head: staff meetings, parents' evenings, homework duty, Open Days, Options Information Evenings etc. and preparing exhibits, demonstrations as required.
- Undertaking any other duties deemed appropriate by the Head within the context of the school ethos and the teaching programme.

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