

## **CHURSTON FERRERS GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

### **Art and Design Department Specification**

All of the students in Years 7 to 8 have weekly Art classes. Students are taught in mixed ability groups, with all pupils following thematic projects in years 7-8. Use of sketchbooks is seen as an essential part of their learning through Art and Design. The Art GCSE options begin in Year 9. At GCSE we offer OCR Fine Art and Textiles. The GCSE and Sixth Form options are popular with the students as they offer exciting and challenging courses, enabling those students wishing to continue on to Higher Education the chance to gain places in leading Schools of Architecture and Art.

Presently, the department delivers OCR Fine Art, Photography and Textiles within the A level curriculum with the emphasis of the teaching on idea development, visual research and visual problem solving. We place a high importance on good drawing skills, developing a clear understanding of the principles of colour theory and an ability to develop ideas both sequentially and experimentally. The Department is equipped with computers and has Photoshop software. Our practical teaching at A level is complemented by a critical and historical studies component.

For many years work by the students' has been used by the OCR Examination Board as national marking samples and for specification meetings at A Level and GCSE. Chief Examiners have commended the Department for their help in driving up national standards. Each year students go on the Foundation and Higher Education course to study Architecture, Photography, Fine Art, Textiles and other Art courses.

The Department's teachers are a highly capable and dedicated group of professionals, who have a diverse range of skills, with the ability to draw out the best in every student. Teachers encourage questioning and thinking and students are expected to explore, research and record their ideas. Close proximity of rooms encourages a tight-knit department with plenty of informal exchange of ideas and great support for each other.

We are looking for someone with fresh ideas to enhance an already successful department. We welcome applicants from experienced teachers, those that are relatively new to the profession or newly qualified and would therefore wish to progress their career in an outstanding and supportive Art and Design department under the guidance of a dynamic Subject Leader.

The successful candidate will have:

- Evidence of being, or having the clear potential to be, an outstanding teacher of Art and Photography.
- A practical portfolio of Art & Photography showing both your own and student work.
- Excellent practical capability to use, demonstrate and discuss a range of art mediums.
- Good knowledge of data, tracking and monitoring of groups of students.
- Subject knowledge of both GCSE & A level Art & Photography, marking criteria and assessment procedures.
- Knowledge and skill of Photoshop, digital editing & creative multimedia outcomes.

Applicants should complete an application form indicating how their experience to date has prepared them for this role and how they would ensure future success.

**Mrs M Harris**  
**Head of Art and Design**  
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