



The Arts Faculty

The Arts Faculty is situated at the top of the modern and light tower building of EF International Academy and therefore ideally placed for observational studies and inspiration, overlooking the whole town and panorama of the bay. Currently, we offer Visual Arts, Drama, Film and Media. We are also preparing to offer Photography and IB theatre studies in the future.

Our ethos in the faculty is that arts and media are for everyone because they form such a large part of all our lives. We believe in teaching the skills needed, awaken curiosity and enabling students to plan and develop their own ideas to the best of their ability and beyond. Our students come from a vast array of nationalities and bring with them their own cultures and conventions. The Arts are an ideal platform to share their enthusiasm and learn about other cultures and times from each other and the teachers. Most of our students progress to university and art colleges having a good foundation in practical art skills, research methods, critical reflection and essay writing not at least because of their Arts lessons.

For the most enthusiastic and for those who need extra time and help, we provide an open door policy whereby students can work in the Arts rooms at break and lunch and sometimes, if space permits, whilst other lessons are going on. We run annual trips to Paris, Barcelona and Broomhill Sculpture Park as well as nearby beaches and areas as well as Cornwall to provide students with first hand experiences of art and motives. Film and Media visit and take part in Film competitions and festivals locally and nationally. In addition, we run an art club and a very popular photography club and invite artists and other practitioners to share their working methods in workshops with our students. We also contribute to several enrichment activities and hold annual exhibitions of students' work in examined and non-examined courses. Our newly introduced portfolio workshop has proved popular and helpful for students in assisting with application to art colleges.

Our class sizes are small, the students well motivated and our faculty creative, inviting, calm and happy. We feel it is a pleasure to teach here.

At the moment, we occupy 4 rooms adjacent to each other and the faculty is growing with more and more students choosing Arts. During Induction week for new students, we run taster sessions, so students can make informed decisions about which course to choose.

Faculty Aims

The Arts faculty aims to:

- Create a positive and creative learning environment that enhances the enjoyment of the subject and gives students the opportunity to work individually and collaboratively
- Encourage, guide and support all students to achieve their full potential
- Create an interest and excitement in the subjects and other subjects and their interconnectedness
- Give the students the opportunity to progress to higher and more demanding courses
- Give the students an opportunity to explore new media and techniques and unknown cultural conventions and practice and develop new skills

Faculty Staff

The faculty is currently staffed by 3 full time teachers and 1 full time teaching assistant with teaching and technician responsibility as well as one part time teacher. This is a growing faculty and staffing levels are expected to rise.

The Curriculum

International academy preparation programme: We currently provide a basic art making and skills orientated program designed by the teacher under guidance from the HoF

IGCSE: We follow the Cambridge IGCSE (syllabus 0400). Students are either on a 2 year programme where the first year is dedicated to learning skills and about other artists and cultures or on an accelerated course when Assessment objectives are addressed from day one and work produced for two components selected and collated immediately.

A Level: This course follows the AQA A Level programme in art and the WJED programme in Media. Art is initially skills based in workshop style lessons, then thematic and later more independent to prepare students for the choice of externally set tasks at the end of year 2.

International Baccalaureate: We offer Higher level and Standard level in both, Visual Arts and Film and currently have 2 classes in each academic year.