

BARTON COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL – ART DEPARTMENT

Facilities

The Department of Art comprises of two dedicated art classrooms. Between the classrooms there is a small workshop area. Each classroom has a large walk in storage cupboard, an IWB and a suite of seven computers. The department has two full time staff, including the Lead Teacher and is supported by a part-time technician (15 hours).

Key Stage 3

KS3 (Years 7 & 8) art is delivered through three 60 minute lessons per fortnight, and homework is set on 1 of these lessons. The learning is supported by a wide range of practical activities designed to suit every type of learner. The units of work are topic based and focus on practical skills; drawing, painting, print-making and 3D construction, supported by theoretical concepts. By the end of KS3 we expect the majority of our students to achieve at least grade 6, while more able students should be reaching a high grade 7. Students are rewarded through the awarding of BCGS points, in line with whole School policy at KS3.

Key Stage 4

We currently follow the AQA examination board for GCSE Art and Design (unendorsed) specification. The time allocation for KS4 is four 60 minute lessons per fortnight. Students follow a three year course in years 9, 10 and 11. Students have achieved 100% A*-C for five consecutive years at GCSE with 68% of students achieving A*/A in 2017.

Key Stage 5

A LEVELS

The department currently follows the AQA examination syllabus for Art, Craft and Design. The time allocation is 9 lessons per fortnight. It is expected that those students who choose to study A level should achieve at least grade 6 at GCSE level in either art or textiles. There is also the opportunity for students to be entered for a photography A Level. Students have achieved 100% A*-B for three consecutive years with 75% of students achieving A*/A in 2017.

Extra-Curricular

The art department runs teacher-led support sessions after school for GCSE students and a KS3 art club also runs one night a week. The department arranges trips for most year groups, including sketching the cathedral, visiting the Turner Contemporary, etc. Sixth form students have the opportunity to attend life drawing classes. The department is involved within many of the arts Enrichment Day activities. Staff and students have also been involved in developing scenery for whole school productions, most recently My Fair Lady.