

Heathside School Art Curriculum Area

Staffing

Heathside's Art Curriculum Area consists of three full time staff, who, as well as teaching Art, work in others areas of the school.

Curriculum

Art is taught for one 50-minute lesson per week to every student in Key Stage 3. From the Autumn of Year 7 onwards, students work in learning groups which are based broadly on student ability.

At the beginning of every term, Year 7, 8 and 9 complete an Art standardisation test, which is designed to test their technical ability in a particular medium. Students repeat the assessment with demonstration and 1:1 teacher support so that students demonstrate progress between their first and second outcomes.

In Key Stage 3 students work towards a final piece every term which is designed to cover a range of skills and content under project themes including: 'Colour Theory', 'Aboriginal Art & Colour' and 'Portraiture'. All schemes of work/resources have been devised by the Curriculum Area Manager and are based on three main skill areas: mixed media, 2D media and 3D media. Project themes in Year 8 include: 'Pop Art', 'Pattern' and 'Architecture' and in Year 9, 'Cubism', 'Sculpture' and 'Identity'.

Key Stage 4 students are able to select Art as an option and this has been a popular choice in recent years. Students study Edexcel Art and Design for three 50-minute periods a week creating a portfolio of work entitled 'Art Movements' in Year 10 and completing an exam project given by Edexcel in Year 11.

Students in Year 12 begin their journey by exploring the theme 'People & Places'. Students are encouraged to investigate a wide range of media, processes and techniques as part of our Art, Craft & Design Edexcel specification. The majority of our Art A Level students continue Art onto University. In recent years, Sixth Form students have received unconditional offers to high ranking Art University Foundation Diploma courses.

The Art department have provided students with a number of school enrichment opportunities which include: Art Fair visits, Gallery visits, Artist Lecture Days, Life drawing and workshops with professional painters/photographers. At the end of each year GCSE and A Level students exhibit their work in our annual school Art and Graphics Summer Show.