

THE CHARLES DICKENS SCHOOL – ART DEPARTMENT

Facilities

The Department of Art comprises of three dedicated art classrooms. Each classroom has a large walk in storage cupboard, a digital SLR camera and an IWB. The department has three part time staff, including the Lead Teacher and is supported by a full-time technician.

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. We follow the national curriculum and 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 level 5, while more able students should be reaching a high level 6. Students' success is shown through the awarding of CDS rewards, in line with whole School policy at KS3.

Key Stage 4

We currently follow the AQA examination board for GCSE Art and Design specification. The time allocation for KS4 is five 60 minute lessons per fortnight. Students follow a two year course in years 10 and 11.

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 for two terms of the year. Staff and students have also been involved in developing scenery for whole school productions and host an annual Arts Festival.