



The Art & Design Department

The Art and Design Department offers courses from the AQA Art and Design Specifications including Art, Craft and Design, Graphic Communication, Textile Design, 3D Design and Photography. All subjects are taught by specialist teachers at Linear A Level.

The department comprises six full time teachers, together with two full time and one part time technician. 3D Design comprises one full time Subject Leader/teacher, the subject is supported by one of the full time technicians on a part time basis. It is taught in a well-equipped manufacturing workshop and computer suite. The workshop has a heat treatment room and also a CAD/CAM room equipped with Laser Cutting and 4D router CAD equipment. The students use a combination of materials including woods, metal and plastics. Graphic Communication comprises a full time Subject Leader (0.8) and one part time teacher and is taught in an Apple Mac Suite in the department using the computer programmes Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. Graphic Communication is also supported by the full time technician on a part time basis. Art, Craft and Design has two full time teachers who share the responsibility equally (50% each) as Subject Leader (Shared). Art, Craft and Design is supported by the full time technician and it is taught in two rooms one of which is equipped as a Ceramics room. Photography is taught by the Art, Craft and Design teachers and a specialist full time Photography teacher and is supported by one of the full time department technicians on a part time basis to keep the dark room equipped. Photography is taught in an Apple Mac Suite using the Adobe Suite of software. Both of the Art, Craft and Design teachers have shared responsibility for leading Photography (50% each). Textile Design is taught by the Head of Department/full time teacher and supported by a part time textiles technician in a combined sewing and computer suite. The room is equipped with Janome sewing machines, a Janome Computer Embroidery Machine, a Janome Embellisher Machine and an A3 Sublimation Digital Printer and also a Heat Press to allow students to print onto fabric.

As a natural enhancement to their 'timetabled' learning, students are able to take extracurricular life drawing classes, and the department also organises visits to galleries and museums in Manchester, Liverpool and London and includes a residential visit to Barcelona. There are day visits to local degree shows and to shows such as the Clothes Show, The Design Your Future Exhibition and New Designers in London to introduce our students to the next steps they could take. We also reach out to other groups of students including visiting students from Europe. The Aquinas India Project is actively supported, and children in Mumbai have been able to benefit from lessons taught there by several of the department's teachers. We work in collaboration with Stepping Hill Hospital to provide artwork for display on a regular basis. Particularly successful is our contribution to the college's Adult Centre. The five classes we offer across painting, crafts and dress making, 3D Design and ceramics are very popular year on year.

Our students' achievement is high and each June an exhibition is held and organised by our students with our support, to celebrate their work.

The Post

Art and Design: Full time Teacher of 3D Design and Graphic Communication

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and dedicated 3D Design and Graphic Communication teacher who is experienced in teaching the subjects at A Level, preferably on the AQA Specification. It is also desirable that the teacher may have experience of teaching Textile Design. Candidates must be willing and eager to work as a team. Experience of working with resistant materials and compliant materials in a workshop environment is essential. The ability to use the software Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator is also essential, whilst experience of using Google Sketch up would be an advantage. You should also have strengths to be able to work in a wide range of media and disciplines including mixed media and textiles.