



# Clifton High School

co-educational nursery school to sixth form



## Art and Design

Our beautiful, light and airy art studios are home to our Art and Design Department. A lively, creative hub, pupils have the opportunity to develop their skills, express their creative ideas and explore a wide range of materials and techniques.

At Clifton High we cover the formal elements of art and design which include drawing, painting, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, ICT and photography. The study of art history and art appreciation are also important elements of our curriculum.

Boys and girls in Years 7-9 receive one double lesson (one hour and forty minutes) per fortnight and we encourage all our pupils to become successful, confident young artists whatever their age or ability. We also offer Art at GCSE and A level.

## Facilities

- Two beautifully lit art studios incorporating our display gallery
- Junior art room incorporating our ceramics studio and kiln room
- Digital photography studio with digital SLR cameras and studio lighting
- Photography dark room with cyanotype, photography and screen-printing exposure unit
- Specialist print making equipment for drypoint etching, collagraphy, linocut and screenprinting
- An IT suite with Photoshop, animation and film editing software
- Scanner and pen drawing tablets
- A comprehensive art history library



## **Staff**

Our Head of Art is an accomplished painter and printmaker who has exhibited regularly at the Royal West of England Academy of Art. The Head of Art is supported by one other Teacher of Art (who is also Curriculum Lead for Product Design and Technologies) and an Art Technician (who also teaches Year 6 Art).

## **Extra-curricular activities and competitions**

Art Club

Photography club

Trips and visits to art galleries in the UK and abroad

Annual two-day artist workshop for A level students

Annual Bristol Senior Schools' Art Exhibition

## **GCSE, A levels and beyond**

We offer GCSE and A level Art and have excellent links with UWE, Weston College and Bristol School of Art. GCSE and A level students perform consistently well in art, with the vast majority achieving A\* to B grades. Clifton High students have gone on to study fine art, graphic design, illustration, film making and photography; and there are a number of professional artists among our former students.