



Gordon's School

Art Department

Introduction

The Art Department consists of two teachers including the Head of Department. We have two part-time technicians, one for Art support and the other art and photography. The Department teaches across two dedicated classrooms, a larger art room for mostly exam groups and a smaller art studio with laptops available. Both rooms have interactive whiteboards and new storage areas. The art studio was opened in 2012 and the larger art room was refurbished this year. All pupils' complete Art and Design at KS3 with many pupils opting for GCSE photography or Art and design, followed by the option of carrying on to A level.

GCSE/ A Level Courses

We use the Edexcel exam board to deliver both GCSE Art and design and GCSE Photography. In both Art and Design and Photography students complete coursework worth 60% and an externally set exam worth 40% of the GCSE grade.

At A Level, we follow the Edexcel As and A2 syllabus for Unendorsed Art and Design where students complete coursework and an externally set exam. This year we are offering AS Photography for the first time.

Examination results

Examination results in the Art Department have been consistently high for a number of years.

In 2014: A*-C100%, 2015: A*-C 100% 2016: A*-C 100%. 2017 A*-C 100%

Since Photography was introduced: 2015 A*-C: 100% 2016A*-C: 100%.2017 A*-C 100%

- In 2017 the Art and design results were impressive with 68% gaining either an A* or A
- In 2018 the A Level results were outstanding with 71% A* (5 grade A* and 2 grade B).
- Art & Design is one of the most successful subjects at Gordons (since 1998).
- Both GCSE and A Level Art A*-C is well above the National Average.
- The overall student performance is outstanding as, pupil progress in Art is equivalent to the top 5% in the country.

These outstanding results reflect the academic nature of the Department and the high expectations placed upon both our staff and students.

Extra-curricular activities

Each year, the department gets involved in and offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

The department runs Art clubs 5 days a week including Saturday mornings for all age groups. These are incredibly popular with full capacity on all evenings and the weekends.

The art department is recognised for its highly successful, well attended and prestigious Private View art and Photography exhibitions (for both GCSE and A Level Art).

Each year we organise and hold the Inter-House Art Competition for all age groups.

At KS3, we run various competitions and invite professional artists to work with our students and give feedback on their work.

The Art department has continued to maintain its PTI status and students are selected to take part in our good to great programme.

The department organises visits to The London Galleries, to the yearly Photographic exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery and a year 10 visit to the sculpture park in Farnham.

The department also runs a 3-day event as part of enrichment week producing murals, wire sculpture, stained glass and mosaics for the school environment.

The art room is open to 'A' level students during their study periods and we have been running 'A' Level life drawing classes during the autumn term.

The Art Department is heavily involved in the Good to Great Programme and this year it is offering students the opportunity to become Art Ambassadors.

We organise and enter artwork from all year groups for the yearly Summer Arts Festival. Artwork is exhibited in June at the end of the year for sale to raise money for a children's charity.