

SUBJECT: ART

YEAR: 8

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mr S Moore

GROUPING POLICY: Mixed ability

COURSE CONTENT:

Students receive two hours of art lessons per fortnight

What will my child learn?

The work undertaken with year eight students is a development and reinforcement of the aims of the previous year. Students will again study three topic areas, which are designed to expose students to a broad curriculum of study. Within each topic students will explore multiple artists, techniques and ideas through independent study, group work, discussion, written tasks, practical tasks and homework. The degree of skill expected from year eight students should be higher than before. There is a greater emphasis on gathering and applying information as well as a wider choice of work allowed so that the student becomes more involved in a decision making process which has an effect upon his/her work. More varied materials are introduced in the Year 8 programme of study with access to both traditional and new technologies. These include mixed media construction in 3D and a wider range of 2D materials and the use of ICT. Students will use sketchbooks to support and develop their work.

What will homework look like?

In year 8 homework may be research based or practical work. Students should spend at least 30 minutes on this work. Three Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) – small optional projects will be set across the year and will require longer. Students should spend at least three hours on this work.

What enrichment opportunities are available?

- Extended Learning Opportunities club.
- A range of KS3 art extensions classes may be offered by different staff throughout the year.
- Students are encouraged to make gallery visits when possible.
- External courses may be available at local arts centres.

ASSESSMENT

How will my child's work be assessed?

Assessment is on-going with end of unit assessment, self-assessment, ELO's and classwork contributing to the student's report.

Literacy is an essential part of the school curriculum and is also taught and assessed within the art.

In addition to the National Curriculum level, students will be given a sub level (A, B or C); this will indicate if they are at the top, middle or lower end of the National Curriculum level

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How can I support my child in this subject?

- Viewing art and artefacts first hand by visiting local exhibitions, museums and galleries.

- It is helpful if students have some art equipment to work with so they can practice their skills at home.
- Students should be encouraged to spend adequate time on homework tasks. Support is available for students with research, ICT and printing if required and students can ask their art teacher for help.
- Please provide an overall for art lessons. A large old shirt is ideal.