



CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY STATEMENT

2017-18

"Every child is born an artist- Picasso"

HEAD OF FACULTY: Antoinette Graham

KEY STAGE 3

At Key Stage 3 students are taught in mixed ability groups. The KS3 curriculum allows students to experience and explore a wide range of skills such as:

Art & Design where students will begin by looking at the foundation of Art itself looking at line, pattern, tone, colour, shape, form, space and texture. Students are then challenged to create new and exciting pieces of work which encourage them to think in an imaginative way to recreate what they see within their own perspective. Tasks become more and more independent as students' progress through the curriculum. Students have the opportunity to study this at GCSE and A level standard. Within the Drama syllabus, students will begin by looking at the basic techniques used within performance and how to use them correctly. As the curriculum progresses they will learn to master and manipulate these techniques to create a wide range of performances; critically analysing their work to produce the best possible standard. Within this subject students not only learn about Drama itself but how to work as a team effectively, how to speak and present to an audience and how to learn independently. Students have the opportunity to study this at GCSE and A level standard. In Design Technology (DT) Students will study Graphics, Textiles, Food Nutrition and Product Design, working on a carousel system. Students' develop transferable skills and their holistic understanding of Design and Technology. To ensure a progressive KS3 curriculum, students focus on specific skills in each subject area to reduce duplication. All subject areas focus on the development of practical skills. Within the Music syllabus, students will begin by looking at various elements of music, learning about the different techniques used to sing and perform. As the curriculum progresses students will study a wide range of instruments, genres and technologies to further their musical understanding. Students will then expand their knowledge by creating their own pieces of music in a variety of ways and techniques with growing independence.

KEY STAGE 4

At Key Stage 4, we offer a broad and exciting range of GCSE subjects which seek to prepare students for Post 16 study and beyond. These options include: Art (Fine Art), Drama, Food and Nutrition, Music and Product Design. During Year 9 students will develop existing knowledge and understanding and secure the underpinning skills that are essential to success in both the written exam paper; controlled assessments and practical skills and exams. These underpinning skills will be acquired through focused practical tasks and theoretical lessons. In Year 10 Students will then develop their Practical Skills &

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Theoretical Knowledge and understanding of the subject. During Year 11 students will prepare for exams and produce final outcomes.

Current exam boards used:

ART: Pearsons Edexcel

Drama: AQA

Design Technology: AQA for all specs

Music: OCR

KEY STAGE 5

During Key Stage 5 students have the opportunity to select from a broad range of creative arts subjects. We currently offer a comprehensive program of: Fine Art, Music and Drama with expansion expected Sept 2018. In Y12 students follow the AS course which consists of both coursework and an external exam and in Y13 they study 2 further units (one coursework unit and one exam unit) to make up the complete A level course.

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