

Art Department Curriculum Share

Year 8

The course students follow:-

Students follow a general Art curriculum designed to provide opportunities to explore a wide variety of skills, processes and techniques.

Useful study aids to support your child at home:-

There are many useful tutorials for improving skills on YouTube and BBC bitesize for KS3 will enrich their learning.

List of resources in the academy available to borrow from our Library:-

The library has an Art section.

Students are assessed by:-

Pupils are assessed against grades 1 to 9 on the Art progress ladder. They will make progress from their starting points as their skills improve and develop.

Homework help and advice available from:-

Teachers will use visual examples to ensure pupils know what they are to aim for. There is a KS3 Art club on a Thursday after school in 2Ar2 where pupils can complete work.

Useful apps and website to support this stage of learning:-

There are lots of great free digital sketching apps for tablets.
BBC bitesize. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z6f3cdm>

My child is struggling – what can I do?

Encourage your child to practise skills independently and not to rush a piece of work. Confidence to have a go is key; pupils should try their best and avoid comparing themselves negatively to others.

My child loves this subject – what else can they do?

Practise is key to developing skills further, encourage your child to keep a daily drawing diary and draw something every day. Their teacher will be happy to give feedback on extra work.

The Art team recommend going to see/do:-

Try to visit a gallery when in a city. The Whitworth and City gallery in Manchester house inspirational Art work. Most towns have gallery provisions – even half an hour when out and about shopping can enrich your child's learning and help them to form independent opinions on what they experience.

Half –Term planner 2017-8

Sept-Oct		Oct-Dec	
Topics and texts studied: Faces (1)	Key Vocabulary: Proportion Enlarging	Topics and texts studied: Faces (2)	Key Vocabulary: Abstract Distortion
Activities and ways to help at home: Practise drawing their face looking in a mirror.		Activities and ways to help at home: Practise drawing their face looking into unusual mirrored surface (spoon, tap...)	
Jan-Feb		Feb-Mar	
Topics and texts studied: Monsters (1)	Key Vocabulary: Presentation Develop	Topics and texts studied: Monsters (2)	Key Vocabulary: 3-Dimensional Sculpture
Activities and ways to help at home: Practising drawing a variety of facial expressions.		Activities and ways to help at home: Making monsters out of found objects.	
Apr-May		Jun-July	
Topics and texts studied: Still Life (1)	Key Vocabulary: Tone Combine	Topics and texts studied: Still Life (2)	Key Vocabulary: Composition Cubist
Activities and ways to help at home: Drawing individual objects focussing on shape and form (3-D).		Activities and ways to help at home: Placing together a number of objects and drawing from observation. Focus on creating depth using tone.	