

Year 9 Art and Design Curriculum

The Art Department deliver three short projects to Year 9 over the academic year. This is to help them make an informed decision when finalising their GCSE options.

These projects have been designed to give every student the opportunity to practice a wide variety of skills required within the disciplines of Fine Art, Graphic Design, Illustration and Textiles.

Year 9	
1st half of Autumn Term	Topic 1 Fine Art 'Insects'
	(September – October ½ Term)
	<p>Introduce Fine Art as a subject and build key art skills. Teaching and learning are inspired by natural forms with an environmental theme. Students develop and enjoy technical drawing skills, techniques and experimental creative experiences. Students develop their own ideas, influenced by their independent observations, research, and experimentation with materials, as well as their investigation into the work of other artists. This culminates in a personal, informed outcome using selected techniques and materials experienced during the project.</p>
2nd half of Autumn Term	Topic 2 Graphic Design 'Making a Mark'
	(October ½ Term – December)
	<p>Introduce Graphic Design as a subject. Build upon key themes and students develop their understanding of design skills as much as possible. Teaching and learning is inspired by Branding, Illustration and Typography. Students create their own design ideas influenced by the work of a current Graphic artist.</p>

	This culminates in working towards a design brief to create a branded outcome, informed by styles and techniques experienced during the project.
Spring Term	Topic 3 Illustration and Art Textiles 'Fruit and Veg'
	(January - April) In this last unit of work, students extend their knowledge of Illustration and continue to build upon key art skills. The theme for this term is Fruit and Vegetables. Teaching and learning will be inspired by a practicing Illustrator, and students will be encouraged to develop their illustrative drawing and painting techniques. All mediums and skills learnt will culminate in an outcome.
1st half of Summer Term	(April – May) Students are given the opportunity to complete any unfinished work. Extended tasks are issued whilst exams are taking place in the department. Students who opt to take GCSE Art and Design or GCSE Graphics will begin a new timetable after May ½ Term.