

## **Curriculum overview – Art and DT department**

### **Intent**

By the end of KS3 all students in Art and DT will have developed a sound understanding of the basic key skills in both subjects in preparation for GCSE qualifications in KS4. The curriculum allows students of all abilities to make progress in a creative and practical subject area and develop an understanding of the vocational aspects of DT and prepare them for further education and/or the workplace.

### **KS3 overview**

Art is currently taught one lesson per week at KS3. DT - Y7 has been reduced to one lesson per week from two lessons per week this year but we will lose year 7 next year. Year 8 will also be two lessons per fortnight from September 2019.

The knowledge, skills and understanding developed throughout all projects in KS3 directly link to the exam board Assessment Objectives KS4 Art and Design (Art) and OCR Engineering Design (DT).

### **KS4 overview**

Art is taught over three lessons per week this year and is a popular choice amongst KS4 students.

Art Textiles was taught to the current year 11s as a continuation of the legacy DT Textiles, this will not be offered this year at Y8 Pathways evening. In November 2018 Photography was introduced to current Y11 students. We have not offered this as a separate subject this year however if there is sufficient interest in September we will look at how this can be implemented to support those students.

From September 2018 we introduced OCR Cambridge National Engineering Design to the curriculum as an alternative to Resistant Materials as this is a vocational subject where students develop the practical skills and understanding necessary and to enter the workplace and apprenticeships. The qualification better meets the needs of our students than GCSE.

### **Stretch and challenge**

All skills and techniques workshops are tailored to stretch and challenge students with more challenging and extended techniques. Stretch and Challenge is built into each project to ensure students can access numerous opportunities to develop their skill base to the highest level, all Stretch and Challenge tasks are colour coded to be in line with our differentiated learning tasks.

**Enrichment opportunities**

Art – KS3 Tuesday lunch catch-up sessions (Mrs Small).

The Art department is open to Years 9 – 11 every lunchtime to complete and catch up on coursework (Mrs Stables and Mrs Small).

Engineering Design – Year 10 catch-up sessions Tuesday to Friday after school (Mr Ibbertson).