

Art, Craft and Design

INTENT

At Kickstart Academy we believe that high quality Art lessons will inspire students to think innovatively and develop independent creative understanding.

Our art curriculum provides pupils with opportunities to develop their skills using a range of media and materials. Students learn skills in drawing, painting, collage, 3D work and printing. By encouraging independent study we hope to encourage using art as a medium to express emotion and thought to enhance their personal, social and emotional development. Many aspects of art link to Mathematical ideas of shape and space; for example when printing repeated patterns. We use English when annotating and evaluating our work and in mind maps and moodboards. Students are expected to be reflective and to think and evaluate how improvements can be made. Resilience and the power of embracing mistakes is a valuable life lesson.

Post COVID 19 students will need to be more resilient as they will have missed a term and a half of art lesson time. During the Autumn term students will have refresher sessions on art techniques and skills. We await the exam board's decision on whether students will be expected to do a final controlled assessment or whether the grade for 2021 will be solely based on a portfolio. The year 11 SOW takes into consideration time lost and unlike in previous years where students were expected to become more independent and pursue and develop their own art project in the Autumn term, this year students will all be guided through a project.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Celebrating and displaying pupils' artwork in the class and corridors
- Smartbook nominations every week
- Challenging questions for pupils to apply their learning in a philosophical and open manner
- Art teaching is lead by an expert in their subject and field
- The Art curriculum is presented in a way that allows pupils to make links, transferring skills and knowledge to long term memory
- Encourages development of understanding of relevance of artists, designers and craftspeople

Post COVID 19 all our intentions will be implemented as above with opportunities to celebrate both work completed at home and in the classroom.

IMPACT

Kickstart's Art Curriculum is high quality, well thought out and is planned to show progression in a student's sketchbook

Students regularly attain high level GCSE grades

Students go on to study higher level Art qualifications after they leave

Pupil discussions about their learning which includes discussion of their thoughts, ideas, processing and evaluations of work

Students have the option to pursue art at a higher level in college.

Post COVID 19 we expect confidence levels to be down as students are unsure if missed school equals a lowering of standards in a coursework-based subject. We aim to encourage and continue to promote an enjoyment in Art not based solely on exam grades but as a means of self-expression and the therapeutic benefits of this subject.