**Art Department Information**

The Art department is well-resourced with specialist subject teachers across all subject areas. This consists of three full time specialist Art & Photography teachers covering KS3-5 Art and KS4-5 Photography. We have additional support from a shared technician who works to maintain and prepare equipment and materials.

The Art department has two specialist Art teaching rooms and will also have a dedicated Photography teaching room from September 2025. The Photography teaching room will be equipped with PCs with Adobe suite in addition to our large and well equipped dark room. We also benefit from some shared resources with our Technology department such as a three-dimensional printer, laser cutter and a well-resourced Textiles room.

At Key Stage 3 students work in classes of approximately 28-30 students and have one hour of Art per week. We provide an engaging and exciting range of topics and techniques at KS3 aiming for students to experience of wide range of skills, processes and techniques. Students will experience one 3D and one printmaking topic per year in addition to topics focussed on drawing and painting. We teach a spiral curriculum at KS3 so that students are able to revisit skills, techniques and processes with increasing depth as they progress through KS3.

At KS4 we offer:

* AQA – GCSE Fine Art
* AQA - GCSE Photography

In both Art and Photography GCSE, students begin with a skills based project, followed by a more independent and personal project before culminating their GCSE with the final project set by the exam board. We run a range of trips to galleries both locally and nationally and run an annual exhibition with other schools in the local area. Uptake on our GCSE courses have increased in recent years and both subjects are popular options at GCSE.

At KS5, we offer:

* AQA – A Level Fine Art
* AQA – A Level Photography

A Level students are also offered opportunities to visit galleries and exhibitions. We strongly encourage students at A Level to produce highly personalised projects and pupils often produce work in a very wide range of media and materials. We run an introductory skills based project at the start of year 12 before pupils write their own self-directed study.