

# **BARTON COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL – ART DEPARTMENT**

## Facilities

The Department of Art comprises of two dedicated art classrooms and a photographic studio. Between the classrooms there is a small workshop area for the sixth form. Each classroom has a large walk in storage cupboard, an IWB and a suite of seven computers with Adobe Creative Suite installed. The department has two full time staff, including the Lead Teacher and is supported by a part-time technician (15 hours).

## Key Stage 3

KS3 (Years 7 & 8) art is delivered through three 60 minute lessons per fortnight, and homework is set on 1 of these lessons. The learning is supported by a wide range of practical activities designed to suit every type of learner. The units of work are topic based and focus on practical skills; drawing, painting, print-making and 3D construction, supported by theoretical concepts. Students are rewarded through the awarding of BCGS points, in line with whole School policy at KS3.

## Key Stage 4

We follow the AQA examination board for GCSE Art and Design (Art, Craft and Design) specification. The time allocation for KS4 is four 60 minute lessons per fortnight. Students follow a three year course in years 9, 10 and 11. Independent learning is at the heart of the department, students are encouraged to think for themselves, take creative risks and work in a style that suits them, their interests and strengths. In recent examination results, 41% of students achieved 9-7 in 2019.

## Key Stage 5

### A LEVELS

The department follows the AQA examination syllabus for Art, Craft and Design and Photography. The time allocation is 9 lessons per fortnight. Students start the course with foundation skills in art and photography before choosing their own course of study in the personal investigation component from January of year 12. Students achieved 67% A\*-A, 89% A\*-B and 100% A\*-C in 2019.

## Extra-Curricular

The art department runs teacher-led support sessions during lunchtimes and after school for GCSE students and a KS3 photography club also runs one night a week. Recent visits have included Tate Modern, UCA, Saatchi Gallery and the University of Kent. The department is involved within many of the arts Enrichment Day activities. Staff and students have also been involved in developing scenery for whole school productions.