

ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department is staffed by one full-time and two part-time members of staff.

All lessons are taught in a suite of rooms that have access to facilities including Apple Mac computers, scanners and printer, digital cameras, art library and large display areas.

At KS3 pupils are taught in mixed attainment groups. Each group receives two one-hour Art lessons per fortnight over a 50 period timetable. A broad curriculum is taught across a number of disciplines including lino printing, paint, 3D and mixed media. We also ensure that students are exposed to and inspired by a wide range of artists.

At KS4 AQA GCSE Art, Craft and Design is offered. A popular choice at GCSE, groups have 5 hour-long lessons per fortnight. Results are strong with GCSE results in 2018 at 79% achieving grade 4+

A2 Art follows the AQA Fine Art and Graphic Communications syllabus. Work is ambitious and varied. Results are positive with 100% A-E and in 2018 A*-B 16.6%. Many of our students go on to study Art at University.

Art is a distinctive feature of Wellington School with work displayed around the school and in the community. In addition, it has a high profile in the school newsletter; and increasingly work is also shared via social media on the department Instagram account.

Extra-curricular activities are run regularly and are a key feature of the department. Recent work has included creating sculptures for the LRC and creating artwork for the school atrium. In addition to this, extra lessons are held at lunch, after school and during the school holidays. Trips and visits are undertaken at all Key Stages. Recent visits include Manchester Metropolitan University Degree Shows, Liverpool Tate, Amsterdam and New York.

Recent achievements for the department in the community saw the completion of a Bee for the 2018 Bee trail in Manchester, a mural created in a local park and another in a local scout hut.

The Governors seek to appoint a well-qualified teacher of Art with the ability and willingness to potentially teach the subject to A2 Level and have skills in delivering Photoshop. A commitment to extra-curricular activities is essential.