

GCSE 3D Art

Why study 3D Art?

If you enjoy purely hands on practical 3D work and want to develop your creative thinking and practical skills and you enjoy exploring a wide range mixed media and building skills then 3D Art could be the subject for you.

What will you be learning?

There are two units to the course:

COURSEWORK PORTFOLIO: The coursework marks make up 60% of your final total and will include more than one project. All through the course you will research a number of artists to help develop your work and skills. Within the coursework there is also a project that is a controlled assignment. This is a project of your choice as before but is more independently led by you.

EXTERNALLY SET TASK: Here you have approximately 10 weeks of preparation work with your teachers culminating in a 10 hour practical exam. It is expected that you would produce maquettes, 3D experiments, and worksheets as your preparation work and a 3D final piece in your practical exam. This makes up 40% of your total mark.

What are lessons like?

Quite a lot of them are what you expect really- very hands on and practical! At first your lessons are very much led by your teacher and you will work to set tasks but as you move through the course you gradually will take the lead with your projects as you start to form an idea of what your strengths are and what kind of artists and techniques you enjoy studying. Lessons cover the basic essentials needed to become a creative practitioner. They can vary from Ceramics, cardboard/paper sculpture, sculpture in any media, wire work and many more. You will also learn how other sculptors and craftspeople work. With this information you then develop your own ideas and work on producing a final piece in a media that suits your style. Quote from an art student- 'art lessons are a nice escape from the hum-drum of everyday life!'

What can it lead to?

This course is excellent preparation for any pupil considering sculpture or ceramics at a higher level, and apart from a vast range of Art and Art related courses at university and further education, Art is great because it combines skill based work with wide research skills. You will be developing into an independent creative thinker which universities and employers are keen to take on.

Want to know more?

You can speak to Mrs Wilson to find out more about the course and discuss your suitability for it.