Art and Design Curriculum Guide

Year 8

What will my son learn?

Autumn term

Baseline test to ascertain skill level and contextual understanding.

- Observation and recording.
- Developing drawing skills.
- Understanding of the formal elements.
- Investigation of artist and art movements.

Spring Term

- Observation and recording.
- Developing drawing skills.
- Developing painting skills.
- Understanding of the formal elements.
- Investigation of artist and art movements.
- Refining ideas for an outcome.
- Evaluating work and processes.

Summer Term

- Observation and recording.
- Developing drawing skills.
- Developing printing skills.
- Understanding of the formal elements.
- Investigation of artist and art movements.
- Refining ideas for an outcome.
- Evaluating work and processes.

How will my son be assessed?

Students are assessed using a number of skills encompassed under four main headings.

- Analyse
- Comprehend
- Discover
- Resolve.

Each skill has a level known as a step and year 8 students are assessed using mainly step one skills and two skills with some step three skills.

How can I support my son with Art and Design?

Encourage your son to:

- Practice observation drawing and photography.
- Visit galleries and museums.
- Read around the subject.

