

Year 7 – 11

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## **We Value:**

Art and Design is a fantastic subject to build on students' imagination, creativity and skill set. We aim to capture and inspire each and every student to achieve their full potential every lesson. We aim to push boundaries, mind sets and stretch students' abilities to their full potential at every opportunity. Creativity and enthusiasm, these two key mind sets are all you need to succeed in Art. We want to build students' skills and ability within the arts to open their minds to new ideas and inspirations. We value students' high levels of effort in and outside the classroom to ensure outstanding progress through the key stages. Students gain an understanding and ability to review artist work, respond and reflect on their own practice.

## **We offer these Opportunities:**

Within Art and Design at Chessington; students will learn and develop a wide range of art based skills. They will learn how to use a variety of different materials from pencil, paint and chalk through to pastels and ink. Students will also get the opportunity to develop skills in 3D sculpture making with plaster, wire and clay.

We explore different cultures, issues, art movements and styles through our highly successful and engaging curriculum.

Here students have the opportunity to develop their ability to work individually or as part of a team in short and extended term projects. All students have the opportunity to produce large pieces of work to exhibit in and around the school each year.

With our fantastic large art studios students are able to use them after school in a number of exciting art clubs that run for all year groups.

Careers in the art industry are linked to all the art topics studied throughout both the Lower School and Upper School to help students gain an understanding of the possibilities outside of the classroom.

In **Year 7** Students look at the formal elements of art 'Line, Tone, Colour, Pattern & Texture' in the first term to allow them to have a good source of artistic knowledge to help broaden their skills further. Using this base line, students begin to use it in observational studies, a project on insects and the blue planet. Year 7 work has been successful with a number of students exhibiting their work around the school. They showed outstanding progress as a year group, setting the standard even higher this year.

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In **Year 8** Students begin the year looking at Portraiture, learning about proportion of the face, drawing features and mixing skin tones. They study a wide range of artists and produce a large scale self-portrait. In the spring term, students learn how to make a clay coil pot and explore how ceramist artists have been inspired by nature. Resulting in a nature inspired clay pot. Students end the year with 'sweet treats' a project where students create large 3D sculptures in small groups. The year group were extremely excited throughout this project and all making fantastic final pieces which are displayed around the art studios.

In **Year 9** Students begin the year with a study of Perspective, learning how to draw in linear perspective. They explore how to apply their knowledge and skills to landscape drawing. They then look at the work of the Surrealists and create their own large scale Surreal room painting. Working towards GCSE level, students will then create a project 'Organic Mechanic', building up a portfolio of outcomes related to different styles of art from different art movements inspired by this topic. The last project of the year is 'Pop Art T-shirts' where students learn about pop art and create a painted T-shirt design, inspired by this 1960's art movement.

In **Year 10** Year 10 create two in-depth portfolios over the year, one on 'Natural Form' and the other in 'Painting Portraits.' Students learn a much wider breath of art skills in drawing, making, photography, mixed media, sculpture and painting. Students study a range of artist from around the world to help gain a broad range of styles that are out there to help find their own creative path. They take ownership of their work and strive to achieve a professional looking body of work. Year 10 are fantastic students who are engaged and driven by their love of the subject.

In **Year 11** the course is 60% coursework based and 40% exam. In Year 10 they start their coursework by looking at these four key areas in their work.

- Artist knowledge and understanding
- Experimenting and refining
- Developing of ideas and observational work
- Final outcome

Students begin the year creating a portfolio on 'Collected Objects.' They focus on their own style of art, source their own inspiration to develop their own work. In the spring term the exam prep begins, with students working towards a final outcome to complete in a 10 hour practical exam.

### **Our Successes:**

- 84% of students achieved grade 4-9 in Art last year
- Past students have gone on to art collage and successful careers in the creative industries

A number of students continued to study art or photography at level 3