

Welcome to

Art & Design



What will you learn about in Art and Design?

Our department's vision at DHS is 'To create an exciting, creative and contemporary curriculum to inspire and generate new thinkers and future artists and inventors.' At key stage 3 skills are developed in drawing and painting, printing and sculpture. These projects are set termly with a strong reference to the work of other artists, crafts-people, designers and art from other cultures. Dynamic observational drawing and the creative use of a wide variety of techniques, processes and media underpin the department's great success and the progressive development of skill, knowledge and understanding. At key stage 4 students have the opportunity to study Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics and Photography. In all these courses students will learn to become creative thinkers and risk takers, as well as developing confidence and independence when using a range of materials and techniques and exploring ideas and intentions. Our extra-curricular programme is a real strength. Students have the opportunity to attend specialist workshops at Worthing College & Brighton MET as well as attending gallery trips to Brighton, London, a variety of European destinations and New York. We believe that the trips really help bring the subject to life and provide exciting cultural experiences for the students. We also have an annual exhibition at Colonnade House in Worthing featuring GCSE work which is a great way to celebrate the amazing talents of our students.

Why is it so important to study 'Art and Design'?

Studying Art helps develop students into creative thinkers and problem solvers. At Durrington the wider aspect of Art is also considered at all levels and we believe we develop an understanding of art and a passion for creativity in its many forms. We believe that by looking into the work of artists, sculptures, textile designers, photographers we are providing the students with a platform to appreciate and analyse and comment on with confidence and fluidity. We hope that by offering opportunities to practice their creativity, review and refine their mistakes, students become more open to a 'growth mindset'. We encourage the imagination and creative problem solving which we believe are very important transferable skills. There are many careers in Art, this could range from interior design, illustration, costume/theatre design, Graphic designer, photographer, teacher etc.

GCSE Results 2020

Name	Entries	9 - 4 %	9 - 5 %	9 - 7 %
Art	52	100 %	100 %	48%
Textiles	39	97%	97%	49%
Graphics	17	100 %	100 %	47%

Department Leadership



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"I really love Textile lessons; I enjoy having the opportunity to be creative and working with a range of different materials as well as learning new techniques"

Charlotte, year 11