

Art and Design

At St Mary's, it is paramount that all our pupils are engaged and motivated by the subject. It is believed in the department that pupils should enjoy participating in practical music activities, allowing their own light to shine. As well as this each individual's creativeness should be fully stretched and challenged, through a range of topics and units. Pupils will be supported to achieve high levels of progress in their learning as young musicians in a safe, caring and enthusiastic environment.

Staffing

Mrs Edwards Teacher of Art

Mrs Bennison. Teacher of Technology

Curriculum

All pupils study Art until the end of Year 8 for 1 lesson per week. In year 9 it is an option. All pupils have the opportunity to study the AQA Art and Design (Fine Art) GCSE in KS4.

The following topics are studied at KS3. Pupils have **1** lesson per week

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Thinking Skills	Kadinsky	Junk Food
Year 8	Day of the dead	Hybrid Animals	Shifting Shapes
Year 9	Natural Forms	Natural Forms	Personal Archive

The following units are studied at KS4. Pupils have 2 lessons per week in year 10 and 3 lessons per week in year 11.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 10	Cultures	Cultures	Cultures
Year 11	Strange and Fantastic	External Exam Topic	External Exam Topic

Extra-curricular activities and visits:

The Art department runs regular Art clubs at lunchtimes and after-school, competitions and exhibits children's artwork at every opportunity in school or in the wider community.

Assessment: Students are assessed in a wide variety of media and techniques. Continuous assessment is used to level pupils throughout the course. Students are set targets throughout each topic and given every opportunity to improve their skills.