



SUBJECT: ART

YEAR GROUP	Year 7		
Rationale	Students explore, experiment and develop the skills needed to understand the visual world around them. It is our intention that students do this without fear of failure. Units are varied and based around key media or concepts that we believe the students need in order to develop their ability to express themselves through visual language. We also encourage students to review relevant artists in order to help them to be able to question, critique, describe and subvert their world. Only Art can do this honestly.		
	<i>Pupils will rotate through the media in different orders based on their teacher.</i>		
Media/Concept	Autumn Term <i>Clay</i>	Spring Term <i>Drawing and the formal elements</i>	Summer Term <i>Colour Application</i>
	Projects will vary but will be based around themes such as:-		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Storytelling ▪ Myths and Monsters ▪ Celebration and religion ▪ Food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sea life ▪ Art Passports ▪ Birds ▪ Insects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Portraits ▪ Journals and diaries ▪ World Cultures ▪ Wildlife
Knowledge	Understand how to work with clay and the importance of good working practice and maintaining moisture and avoiding trapping air pockets in the clay. Appreciate the importance of wrapping or storing their work carefully. Know how the clay drying process is essential prior to firing (cooking) to avoid any damage during the firing cycle.	Understand what the formal elements of art are (Line, shape, form, tone, texture, pattern, colour and composition). Understand what the colour wheel is and how colour can be arranged and combined to make effective combinations. Understand how texture can add detail to a drawing that can improve its realism. Consider how composition and arrangement can influence the appeal of images and patterns.	Learn about the design and development process. Understand correct proportions, especially those of the face. Understand how artwork can take numerous forms. Learn how other artists or cultures can influence their own work. Understand how to mix paints effectively.
Skills	Develop clay modelling skills Learn how to combine sections of clay by scoring and slipping. Develop the ability to use the pinching method to create a pinch pot. Be able to add texture and adjust the shape of their pot or additional details in order to realise their artistic vision.	Develop their ability to observe objects and record them with pencil. Develop their ability to use pencils and coloured pencils to show tone and tonal gradation.	Develop their ability to use the paints creatively Learn how to layer colour. Learn how to blend colours or keep them separate based on how dry or wet the paint is at the time of application.
Assessments	The design work that lead to the clay vessel will be assessed based on the student's use of line and tonal shading as well the accuracy of their details. Students will be assessed based on the quality of their clay construction, the creativity and accuracy of their shape and details and how closely it matches their original design.	The project will be assessed against two criteria. Firstly the students ability to understand the formal elements and demonstrate use of them in abstract or small scale drawings. Secondly the student will then be measured on their ability to use these elements to improve the quality of their observational drawing.	The ability to combine ideas in order to create an original drawing/design. The final image will be assessed on: The student's controlled use of paint. The choice of relevant colours/ their ability to match colours effectively based on understanding of the colour wheel. Their ability to apply the knowledge of correct proportions to the final image.