



Art & Design

In Year 9 all students continue to study Art and Design for two periods per fortnight.

For many students this will be their final experience of Art and Design education as they will go on to select alternative choices for their GCSE courses.

It is our hope and belief that for these students they will be equipped to appreciate Art at an adult level on completing Year 9; being competent and confident in their abilities to record, investigate and respond to the visual and creative world around them.

- We explore the things that we see and feel to communicate ideas and meanings. Again we will revisit subjects from the genres of PEOPLE, PLACES and OBJECTS enabling students to show progression in their understanding and approach.
- We work with traditional and new media, developing confidence, refining skills to a high level and developing imagination and creativity at every opportunity.
- We learn to appreciate and value images and artefacts across further times and cultures and to understand the contexts in which they were made.
- In art, craft and design we assess our own and other people's work, judging quality, value and meaning.
- We learn to think and act as artists, craftspeople and designers, working creatively and intelligently.
- We develop an appreciation of art, craft and design, and its role in the creative and cultural industries that enrich our lives.

Art and Design at Priestnall is a very popular option subject and is the established, most direct and reliable route to higher study in ALL Art and Design disciplines both at A level and on vocational courses in further education and at degree level.

During Year 9 students are offered guidance about their option choices and the careers that are accessed within the creative industries.

Assessment in Year 9 indicates the grade that students would be likely to achieve if they continue to study Art and Design as a GCSE subject, clearly in Year 9 there is not sufficient time to develop the full range of skills and outcomes that are required by the exam criteria but our intention is to enable extended study on projects which relate to the types of study undertaken in the GCSE courses.

Students of all abilities are welcomed onto our GCSE courses and supported to achieve the school's very challenging targets.