

ART AND DESIGN CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Year 6 – Year 9

All students are given the opportunity to undertake a balanced programme of Art, Craft and Design activities that seek to build on previous achievement. However, pupils will arrive with varying levels of skill and experience. We should not presume that each child understands the language we use to describe drawing. It is therefore important to establish basic skills which develop the visual elements. These should be thought of as starting points for planning and developing work and will be taught throughout Year 6 – Year 9.

Year 6

- This is an introductory course where pupils will have the opportunity to learn the basics of Art and Design. They will experience a range of materials and will develop their work by looking at the work of artists and designers

Year 7-8

- Pupils will explore ideas, processes and approaches to artistic outcomes. They will investigate a variety of artists and designers with particular emphasis on movements within art.

Year 9

- Pupils will experience a more GCSE style project. They will be given a project brief and guided through it. They will look at artists and designers and be able to make their own choices when studying the work of others and how it informs their work. They will develop ideas for final outcomes producing a range of conclusions in a variety of materials.

Year 10-11

Students follow the AQA GCSE Art, Design Craft 4201 (Unendorsed)

This consists of:

Unit1- Portfolio of Work



Unit 2 – Externally Set Task

This is a broad course and is made up of a mix of formal teaching and personal research projects. We cover two set topics over year 10 and 11 which should allow students to demonstrate a breadth of knowledge, skills and understanding to produce a strong, varied portfolio for Unit 1. Unit 2 is an externally set task culminating in a 10 hour practical exam.

Unit 1 is 60% of the final marks and Unit 2 is 40%. Both units are marked out of 80.

There is a visit to a gallery or museum usually in the Autumn term for year 10 and Spring for year 11. It is of great importance to see works of art at first hand. Students will use recording techniques to gather visual and other information. They will use this information to help to develop their own work making connections with the work of others. Their sketchbooks should demonstrate ability to research, organise and develop ideas independently.

Year 12(AS)

Leicester High School offers the AQA AS in Art, Craft and Design. Candidates will have the opportunity to follow a broad and balanced study of art, craft and design that relates theory to practice and encourages a choice for candidates. AS candidates will follow an unendorsed course of integrated practical, cultural and theoretical study using a variety of media and processes. Much like the GCSE it consists of 2 Units; a portfolio of work and an externally set task

YEAR 13 (A2)

Leicester High School offers the AQA A2 in Art, Craft and Design. This course is designed to build on AS allowing for greater depth of study, which may be achieved through greater specialism, the extended development of themes or ideas or theoretical research. The A2 specification also incorporates a 1,000 – 3,000 word written study.

