

Cleeve School Art Department



Art at Cleeve School:

At Cleeve School we believe that through Art we can stimulate the senses, nurture the ability to think and act creatively and develop intelligence through a combination of emotional, physical, and cognitive means. We aim to provide students with regular opportunities to experience the work of professional artists through visits to arts organisations, workshops with artists and other partnerships.

Art and Design at Cleeve School is thriving, and is recognised in the school for its success at exam level and in the quality of art education the students receive in all Key Stages. It has for many years attracted large numbers of students to GCSE and Advanced level courses, with many choosing to study art and design related courses.

The Art Department is in a purpose built building providing a light and airy working environment, with each teacher having their own base. There is also a Community Art Gallery/sixth from teaching room in which the Department has frequent exhibitions.

Profile of the Art Department

The Art Department has a strong and committed team of individuals who share the vision of providing a rich and stimulating curriculum to all students. It comprises six Art specialists.

Art Results

	2010	2011
GCSE Art and Design	98%	97%
GCSE Graphics (A*- C)	91%	95%
GCSE Textiles (A*-C)	85%	94%
AS Graphics (A*-C)	-	100%
AS Fine Art (A*-C)	73%	92%
AS Photography (A*-C)	81%	91%
A Level Fine Art (A*-C)	100%	93%
A Level Photography (A*-C)	83%	80%

The Art Curriculum at Cleeve School

Key Stage 3:

All Key Stage 3 students have a full art entitlement. In Year 7 students are taught in tutor groups and receive one 50 minute lesson per week. Years 8 and 9 are taught in mixed ability groups and have three 50 minute lessons per fortnight.

The curriculum at Key Stage 3 aims to develop skills and an understanding of visual language through the study of critical studies. Units of work last about five weeks and work is supported by assignments undertaken as homework in their sketchbooks.

For our Gifted and Talented students there are opportunities for attending Art Masterclasses and we run workshops and undertake projects with them which fully nurture their potential.

Key Stage 4:

Recruitment to GCSE is good. Currently there are three art and design groups and two graphics and one textile's in Year 11. They are taught in mixed ability groups and have three 50 minute lessons each week.

The AQA Art and Design course allows for a wide variety of areas of art to be covered over the two years. We also offer AQA Graphic Design and Textiles which has proved very popular with our students.

During the two year course students experience a wide range of art and most years we provide an environmental visit or workshop in school to extend their experience of art. IT and digital photography are now beginning to be exploited by an increasing number of students.

Key Stage 5:

The department offers A Level Fine Art and Photography; recruitment is strong from GCSE into Key Stage 5. There are five groups of A level students in Year 12 &13 who receive five lessons a week. The Fine Art A level has an emphasis on painting, drawing and printmaking, enriched by a highly experimental and multi media approach.

This year we will also conclude the first year of GCE in Graphic Communication.

An essential part of the Key Stage 5 curriculum involves visits to major art museums here and abroad, life drawing and participating in initiatives which arise during the course.

ICT and Art

ICT is an important part of life within Cleeve School and has developed considerably within the last two years. We have a suite which has Photoshop installed which the department has access to. Part of our Departmental Plan is to increase opportunities for students to expand their use of IT and the digital arts. Each member of the teaching staff has their own lap-top which is used to track pupils' development in line with whole school policy on assessment and reporting, as well as for researching and planning lessons.

Extra – curricular Activities

The Art Department is a busy place in which to work. Students are encouraged to come and work during lunch break and after school, and many do. We recently ran a project for Gifted & Talented Year 9 students on the theme of Memories, which has culminated in a permanent piece of artwork for display within school.

There is an Art Club for Key Stage 3 students and we run a session for Key Stage 4 pupils one evening a week where students can receive extra support on (any aspect of their) coursework.

The Position currently advertised

We are looking for a candidate who is either newly qualified or keen to experience KS5 teaching in a lively and progressive department. The ideal person would need to show enthusiasm and passion for their subject, a real commitment to art education and be keen to work as part of a team.

Skills in general art and design are essential, but the ability to use Adobe photoshop and illustrator, be fully conversant with SLR digital camera and a love of graphic design would be preferable.