

Art Department

Aims and Objectives

The Art department is committed to stimulating and maintaining pupil curiosity, interest and enjoyment in Art. Girls will be confident in producing images and 'works of art' by expressing their own ideas creatively. They develop a knowledge and understanding of Art and Design as a form of self-expression and communication within the disciplined framework of a school environment. We believe strongly in encouraging girls to express reactions, thoughts and opinions through visual, oral and written mediums. Traditional skills such as painting and drawing are key elements to understanding the basics of art and observation.

At Saint Martin's we are keen to encourage girls to use ICT as a tool for learning and exploration. We firmly believe that shared expectations and an aspiration to achieve to the highest level is at the core of their success.

The Art Department specialises in the areas of Drawing, Painting, Photography, Textiles, Printing, ICT, Sculpture and Three-dimensional work.

Key Stage 3

Art is taught at all levels at Saint Martin's School. At Key Stage 3 girls are taught in form groups. In Years 7, 8 and 9 they will explore a new theme each term and cover all aspects of Art and Design. Experimentation with the formal elements will assist them to communicate their ideas clearly and help them be able to evaluate their work and that of others. Researching artists from critical, contextual and historical links is also vital for the girls to gain inspiration from.



GCSE Art and Design

At GCSE girls follow the OCR Examination syllabuses. They will have the opportunity to develop their ideas through investigating artist connections and by experimenting with new materials and processes. Each girl is encouraged to take creative risks and record their ideas through observations and photography. They can specialise in all areas of Art and Design. Here is a brief overview of the course:

Controlled Assessment – Portfolio

- 60% weighting
- Only **ONE** body of work is required
- Candidates are given approximately 45 hours (15 -18 school weeks as a guide) to complete their portfolio.

OCR-Set Task

- 40% weighting
- Only **ONE** body of work is required
- Candidates have 10 hours of supervised, controlled time to produce evidence for the OCR-set Task unit.



AS/A2 Art and Design

AS and A2 level girls follow the AQA syllabus which allows the girls to develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of materials and techniques. They also interpret and convey their ideas and feelings through the development of imagination, experimentation and documentation. Girls are encouraged to research different cultural, historical and critical connections and use visual language to express themselves.

There are two parts to the course Advanced Subsidiary (2 units) and A2 which converts the AS to the full award. The A2 includes four units of work in total, two of which will have been completed in Year 12.



Extra-Curricular and Trips

All girls are welcome to use the Art rooms in their free time. GCSE Art, Recycled Fashion, Photography, Patchwork, Calligraphy are just some of the options available during lunchtime and after-school.

In Year 9, a trip to the Clothes Show Live Event in Birmingham takes place every year and the girls will also visit Kew Gardens in the Summer Term. The main emphasis is on art, with the day providing opportunities for the girls to see exhibitions and for them to gain inspiration for their GCSE Art in Year 10. All are encouraged to visit local galleries and visit places of interest that can help with their project work development.

Useful Websites

Link	Course	Description
www.bmag.co.uk	GCSE/AS/A2	Use the online gallery to get ideas for your own work.
www.tate.org.uk	GCSE/AS/A2	Works from Tate Modern & Tate Britain can be accessed. Click on 'Collection' tab to search by artist or theme.
www.nationalgallery.org.uk	GCSE/AS/A2	Works from the National Gallery can be accessed. Click on 'Collection' to search by artist or theme.
www.npg.org.uk	GCSE/AS/A2	National Portrait Gallery website. Click on 'Collections' to access artists work
www.artchive.com	GCSE/AS/A2	Information about different art movements and links to artists work