



# St Benedict's Catholic School

*The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk*

## ART CURRICULUM GUIDE

Art and Design offers pupils the opportunity to develop their creativity by using a range of skills in a wide variety of contexts. Pupils are able to express their ideas and feelings through visual and other forms. Through exploring and sharing these ideas, pupils develop confidence and independence in learning.

Through years 7, 8 and 9, students study topics to stimulate interest, encourage artistic endeavour, deepen their understanding of art and culture and build their skill base in preparation for GCSE study.

### Year 9 Autumn

- All year 9 students are introduced to the fundamental skills associated with the medium of drawing. Important formal elements connected with drawing are established including Tone, Line, Composition, Form and Scale by exploring the twentieth century theme of pop art. After an introduction into the movement and the relevant exponents, the pupils will create a variety of outcomes and compositions using Image manipulation and the media of ceramics.

### Year 9 Spring

- Students will explore the work of Picasso and portraiture, learning different ceramic sgraffito techniques to produce 3D outcomes of their own design.

### Year 9 Summer

- Students will develop an understanding of modern sculpture using a range of found and 3D materials, inspired by the work of artists such as Henry Moore, Giacometti and Naum Gabo. The students will learn to analyse sculpture using specialist vocabulary to express their ideas about the work of other artists.

## Assessment

- Regular feedback is provided in lessons and through marks/comments in pupils sketchbooks.
- An effort and attainment grade is reported every term in line with whole school policy.
- Self, peer and group assessment takes place in lessons when appropriate.

## Provision for Gifted and Talented

- The department runs a Bronze and Silver Arts Award scheme as an extra curricular club after school for students who are keen to pursue their interest in the Arts.
- Extension tasks in class extend and enrich individual learning.
- Opportunities will arise for Gifted & Talented pupils over the Key Stage through our school links with the wider community for example producing large scale puppets for the Bury St Edmunds Christmas Parade or producing work for exhibition in Bury Cathedral, local churches.

## Other opportunities

- The department also runs a scheme with a local artist in Residence.
- We run an after school ceramics club on Tuesday evenings at the Lower School Centre and lunchtime catch up clubs for GCSE students.

## How parents can help KS3 students at home

- Monitor your child's homework and look at their sketchbook. Help your child ensure they bring their sketchbook to every lesson.
- Encourage your child to visit museums, galleries and libraries
- Support your child to collect interesting brochures, leaflets, materials and photographs to help develop their ideas in class and for use in the presentation of their work.
- Homework is an important part of the learning process. Homework is expected to take approximately 1 hour and will be given approx. **every other week** .
- Missing or incomplete homework without a note from parents/guardians will result in a departmental detention.

