

Subject Summary - ART

At Acle Academy we aim to engage and inspire students to develop a love of art, cultivate their talents as artists, increase their self-confidence, nurture their creative ability and encourage them to appreciate a wide variety of art from different times and places. Students will study and take inspiration from artists and other cultures, developing their critical thinking skills, strengthening their drawing and painting skills and have the opportunity to experiment with a wide variety of materials and techniques. They will be encouraged to take pride in their work and have an open mind to the meaning and purpose of Art in an ever changing world.

Key Stage 3

Year 7 outline:

In year 7, students will follow two schemes of work designed to ensure the formal elements are in place enabling further engagement later on in the school career. Firstly, using the broad theme of 'Birds', students will practise using experimental drawing techniques to develop skills in proportion, composition, tone and accuracy. Studying relevant artists will give an insight into 'Contextual Studies' helping students filter and gather useful information, and work in the style of others. 'Colour Theory' aims to further students' skills in using a variety of media and processes.

Year 8 outline:

In year 8, students are encouraged to use their imagination and thinking skills to understand and create 'Conceptual Art'. Using the theme of 'Maps / Mapping', students examine and work in the style of contemporary artists who too have been influenced by this topic. Students will use printing and collage to create their own unique designs. They will also respond to the theme by creating their personalised conceptual art work. The second project 'Views' looks at how paintings are constructed, studying the compositions using specialist language and results in a Vintage-style Travel poster.

Year 9 outline:

Year 9 builds upon and hones the skills required to be a successful GCSE candidate. Projects include 'Drawing objects', where students learn to draw using 1 & 2 point perspective, create compositions using still life objects and practise using a wide variety of materials, culminating in a mixed-media piece. 'Portraits' develops previous learning on proportion, looking at the face, studying the meaning of other artists' self-portraits and results in a self-portrait created in the style of the student's choice.

Key stage 4

We follow the Edexcel Art and Design specification which allows students to develop their ideas through a wide range of materials and techniques. Students will follow two coursework themes over 18 months, producing several 'outcomes' and 2 sketchbooks of research, preparation and development to back up their ideas. The two projects have been designed to be broad enough to allow for a wide variety of outcomes and individual exploration.

The course comprises of two components:

Component 1: Personal Portfolio (60%)

This is internally set and includes two projects- Identity and Surfaces. Students undertake these projects during the first four terms of the course and also include their Pre Public Exam piece within this component.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment (40%)

The final assignment, set by Edexcel, is given out in the final Spring term, four months before the exam date. Students research the theme under teacher guidance, in class and for homework before sitting a 10-hour test over 2 school days, during which time they make their final response, unaided.

Students are assessed on the following assessment objectives for both components:

1. Developing ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources
2. Refining work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes
3. Recording ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses
4. Presenting a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language

Exam Board links:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.html>