

Art

What is our Curriculum Intent?

Visual culture reflects 21st Century life. Excited by what we see, we make connections. A positive Academy student artist explores, creates and transforms.

How does our Curriculum meet the Academy's 6 Curriculum Core Principles

1. Is anchored in our Christian Values

The "Story of Art" constantly unfolds embracing ideas about people, places, concepts and beliefs.

2. Is fully inclusive and celebrates diversity

At the heart of creativity lies a unique identity willing to accept and challenge the ideas of all.

3. Values all subjects, both core and creative, academic and vocational

Our curriculum empowers students to place Art and creativity in their knowledge and skills.

4. Develops students' ability to be resilient, reflective, resourceful and responsible learners

Our curriculum invites students to explore ideas and experiment with traditional and unconventional creative techniques

5. Provides pathways for academic success

Our curriculum enables students to aspire to go to University and pursue careers in the diverse creative industries

6. Prepares students beyond knowledge and skills to be successful in tomorrow's world

Our curriculum embraces concepts and ways of seeing that shape our future and reflect on Art's global role in forging civilisation

What are we trying to achieve at KS3

- Inspire students to start a lifelong passion for Art. Control a pencil and a paintbrush to record from observation and express ideas. Take pleasure in making, creating and exploring personal ideas. Grow an understanding of and gain an insight into how The Story of Art continues to shape people, culture and society across the world.

What are we trying to achieve at KS4

- Engage with rigorous assessment objectives asking students to evidence that they can develop, refine, record and present ideas as skills, knowledge as a personal worldview evolves

What are we trying to achieve at KS5

- Create a body of work that responds with purpose and meaning in a personal way to a theme, issue or starting point weaving together ideas from different times, places and cultures.

What makes our curriculum offer unique & local?

- The Academy is at the heart of a global capital boasting some of the world's most prestigious galleries, museums and exhibitions. This cultural landscape is open to all of us. Paintings, sculptures, video installations and ancient artefacts inspire our visions. Classroom teaching, extended projects, visual arts competitions and master classes led by practising artists develop the skills and knowledge we need to flourish.

What is our KS3 Vision?

- Develop ideas by researching and analysing the work of artists from different times, places and cultures
- Refine ideas by exploring the different qualities of drawing, painting and other media
- Record ideas using observational drawings and document a personal creative process
- Present ideas as finished outcomes underpinned by research, exploration and investigation

What is our USP (Unique Selling Point)?

- Purpose built Art and Design classroom spaces
- MA qualified specialist teachers
- Record own creative journey in sketchbook form
- Experience an Art education in the heart of London
- Take learning beyond the classroom by visitings the world's most prestigious galleries, museums and exhibitions on your doorstep
- Participate in local and national Art competitions and events
- Take inspiration from classroom and corridor displays celebrating our students success in GCSE, AS and A-Level Art
- Make connections between Fine Art and the wider creative industries such as Graphics, Fashion and Architecture
- Progress on to Art & Design and Degree level courses on successfully completing A-Level Art

What is studied in Key Stage 3?

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
HT1	The 2D Formal Elements	Expressive Portraits	Natural Forms
HT2	Colour	The Human Figure	Fantastic Beasts
HT3	Old & New Buildings	Litter	Digital Images & Photography (noir vs colour)
HT4	Art From Different Cultures	Expressive Landscape	Abstraction, Pattern & Print
HT5	Drawing	Sketchbook Skills	Text & Image (album cover)
HT6	Rousseau's Jungle	Paolozzi's Dream	Step Up