



ST IVO SCHOOL

Details about the Art Department

The Art department is a very successful department within a large and vibrant secondary school. It is well resourced with seven designated teaching rooms, which includes a Sixth Form teaching studio, IT suite which is mainly used for teaching A level photography, 3D studio, two painting and drawing studios and two textiles studios. All Art, craft and design teachers are committed to ensuring lessons are inclusive, challenging, and engaging, thereby maintaining the strong popularity of the subjects amongst students from Year 10 to Year 13. Teachers share all resources they produce, and are prepared to go that extra mile, for example in delivering lunchtime and after-school sessions to exam groups. We are looking for an individual with excellent creative and technical skills and a genuine passion for Art but there is no requirement to have specialism.

The department has always been well supported by students, parents, governors and other staff and maintains high standards year on year. In Key Stage 3 students have 1 hour a week and study skill based courses covering a range of disciplines and drawing is an important part of all Art projects.

Currently, the main focus for the department is the development of resources for the new specifications for both GCSE and A level. For GCSE we follow the Pearson (Edexcel) Art and Design specification and offer courses in Fine Art, Textiles and 3D Design. The GCSE courses have always been very popular and we currently have 2 Textiles groups, 4 Fine Art and 1 3D Design course in Year 11 and the same in Year 10. In the past three years all Art titles have achieved excellent results, over 90% A* - C.

At A level we offer courses in Fine Art, Textiles and Photography, alongside these courses we also offer a Btec in Art and Design. All post 16 options follow the Pearson (Edexcel) specifications and are popular choices. Results in A level subjects are also very strong and frequently achieve well over 90% A* - C.

Overall, this successful and popular Art department, within a large comprehensive school, offers an ambitious teacher plenty of experience both in teaching, departmental responsibilities, and professional career development. We can assure the person appointed of a warm welcome both within the department and the school.

This job would suit a range of Art and Design teachers at different career stages. This includes those seeking their first post, or those currently teaching who are seeking to broaden their experience and take advantage of opportunities for professional career development.

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