

THE ARTS FACULTY

The Arts faculty is very well regarded in the school by staff, students and other stakeholders. This reputation is built on the back of results that year on year are improving and are some of the strongest in the school. The Arts Department presently consists of six full time teachers, one Music, one Dance, one Drama and three Art/Graphics/Photography teachers. We teach a wide variety of subjects within The Arts at both KS3 and KS4. Currently we offer Art, Graphics, Photography, Music, Drama and Dance. Working within this faculty will allow you to deliver the kind of creative education you always wanted to and it will allow you to focus on delivering The Arts curriculum at KS3 and KS4. Our department is committed to fulfilling the potential of each and every one of our students, no matter what their educational needs and you will be able to work within a welcoming, hard-working and committed team that have a passion for the subject and the drive to share this with young people. Art and Design in particular did very well the last year results were published (2019) in terms of results; GCSE Fine Art Attainment 5.23 Progress 8 1.83. Photography Attainment 4.52 Progress 8 2.8

At KS3 and KS4 we follow bespoke schemes of work which are written in house by the faculty. You would be expected to contribute fully to the writing, resourcing and evaluating of these schemes of work. We see KS3 as the springboard to success at KS4, so place a firm emphasis on building skills and embedding knowledge that students will use in their GCSEs during KS3. In September 2020 we introduced the Gateway Curriculum for Y9 Arts students. Within this curriculum we have created exciting projects that introduce our students to new projects that explore the richness and depth of learning. Our Y9 Gateway programme has the time to develop the foundation of skills that will serve them well at KS4 and beyond. For example, Art students work collectively in small teams to create large scale 3D sculptures that explore team work and collaboration. In Photography students work with a professional photographer developing work during workshops exploring risks taking and experimentation, along with planning and working together in small and large groups. The Graphics Gateway Curriculum will focus on students working as a design team to meet a brief set by a client. The Drama Gateway curriculum will be based on theatre production creating a Theatre Company in order to develop a professional production and understand careers within the industry. The Dance Gateway Curriculum will focus on developing students' knowledge and practical ability of the most popular dance styles within the professional dance industry. The Music Gateway project will revolve around the theme of Advertising. It involves product design, marketing and music genre research, analysing adverts, as well as creating a radio advert. We are constantly seeking to improve our curriculum. Rigorous evaluation of our schemes of work and the drive to improve our skills, subject knowledge and pedagogy so that we give the best opportunities for success for our students is the hallmark of our faculty.

KS3 students have two hours Drama, Music and Art per fortnight. Dance has one lesson per fortnight. The Arts schemes of work for KS3 are designed to enable pupils to experience a wide variety of techniques and media.

At KS4 students receive five hours per fortnight on their chosen Arts courses. At KS4 the Drama and Dance students will be following the BTEC Technical Award in Performing Arts Level 2 programme focusing on elements of the course that prepare students for a range of job roles within the industry such as Actors, Dancers, Directors and Writers. Music students will be following the GCSE Music course that prepares students for a range of job roles within the Music industry. The Art students will follow the GCSE courses in Fine Art, Graphics and Photography.

We have a full programme of educational visits and extra-curricular activities to support our curriculum and are always on the lookout for new and exciting opportunities to offer our students. At the heart of our success as a faculty is the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of staff and their commitment to inspiring Baysgarth's students with a love for our fantastic subjects.