

Art is taught by Mr Thurston and Mr Walters in two spacious, specifically designed Art rooms. The Art department at Open Academy is well respected and Art work figures prominently throughout the school.

Both rooms have an abundance of space and natural light ideal for all types of art activities. We also have a kiln for use by students at all ages.

Key Stage 3

Our Key Stage 3 curriculum is academic, challenging and diverse, enabling students to develop a good understanding of the basic principles of mark making within Art.

The department's objectives are to make Art meaningful, enjoyable and accessible to all students. We provide a unique means of self-expression whilst promoting the confidence and desire in the students to produce work of quality. Practical demonstrations are central to the teaching ethos of the department, providing an effective means of introducing new skills and techniques whilst generating confidence.

We teach a wide range of Art related disciplines to students at KS3 including: drawing, painting, printmaking and 3D relief work. Skills, knowledge and understanding are integral to our teaching.

Key Stage 4

At KS4, students can opt to take Fine Art for GCSE where they are encouraged to become more independent artists. Indeed, we want students to begin to think about Art as a subject that offers unlimited creativity at this stage. At KS5, students have the choice of continuing their studies at AS and A2 level in Fine Art and Photography.

AQA GCSE Art

Sixth Form

The Open Academy offers A Level Fine Art. The course requires students to engage in a critical understanding of artists' work and the work they produce themselves. The course is split over two years, each with their own distinct objectives. AS level will challenge the students to further develop their mark, making skills with experimentation of a wide range of artists. The students will be taught to work outside their comfort zone and break barriers when making new and thoughtful pieces of artwork. A2 level will enable to students to take a much more thoughtful approach to their own work, creating a personal project based on a starting point chosen by the students themselves. The students will also be required to complete a personal statement in the form of an essay which will further enhance the students' understanding of their own work and its potential. The year culminates with an exam in which the students create their final pieces of work.

Exam board:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design>