



Oxford Spires Academy

ART

Our vision for the Creative Arts Faculty is to work with students, encouraging them to be able to use imagination and critical thinking skills, reflecting and commenting on their work and the work of others with confidence and skill. To not be afraid to share ideas and opinions, understand and use transferable skills and 'think outside the box'.

We want students within the Creative Arts to take risks, be independent, thoughtful and flexible learners. Creativity and creative teaching makes learning fun and increases student engagement and performance.

Within the Arts we strive to make cultural and creative links, promoting acceptance and tolerance by exploring different views and opinions through the Arts.

We have a huge range of creative opportunities at Oxford Spires Academy. In Year 7 and Year 8 all students receive an hour of Art every week. At KS3 our subjects are 'hands on' and very practical encouraging the students to participate and experience Creative Arts first-hand.

Our spiral curriculum means skills are taught and then revisited over the two years to consolidate the knowledge, skills and understanding students need for GCSE.

KS3

In Art we have a one-hour lesson every week – during this time we explore a wide range of topics

- Drawing Skills to develop an understanding of the formal elements and an awareness of media
- Colour and Pattern allowing students to understand the breadth of media and complete independent research and critical reflection
- Typography is our final project in Year 7, where we refine skills and broaden our use of media, techniques, and processes.

In Year 8 we continue to develop and consolidate our knowledge and understanding exploring; Mexican Day of the Dead, Portraiture and Food Glorious Food! Developing critical skills for GCSE such as drawing from observation, use of primary imagery, personal responses and collaboration. Ensuring that all students are confident in the use of formal elements, development of ideas, have critical understanding and ability to reflect.

KS4

Year 9 is a 'Link' year, bridging the style of KS3 working to the style of KS4 working. Students who want to take an Arts subject for GCSE can 'try before they buy'. Following two Arts subjects of their choice in a 10-week rotation, where they can specialise in two creative subjects Art, Dance, Drama or Music before finalising their options for Year 10. Students have 2 hours of Art a week – allowing them to fully explore and develop their creative potential.

In Art Year 9 students follow a 10-week GCSE Project – Multiples. A skills-based project based around a primary image by an artist of their choice for inspiration and analysis.

In Year 10 and Year 11 we follow the Edexcel Specification, covering a wide range of skills and techniques that encourage students to thrive in Art and achieve their potential. Focusing on Portraiture and 'My Oxford' – we explore and develop skills in drawing, painting, pastels, printing, sculpture, art textiles, photography and so much more!

*Art rooms are open nearly every lunchtime and after school to allow students to explore creativity independently.

(*Different arrangements during Covid)



KS5

To follow Art or Photography at post-sixteen, you are strongly encouraged to have studied Art for GCSE and achieved a minimum of a Grade 6.

In Years 12 and 13 we follow the Edexcel Specification and further develop and refine the skills learnt in KS4. The teaching/learning time significantly increasing to nine hours per fortnight and students are really encouraged to become 'Artist' and 'Photographer'.

The creative possibilities are endless, and students are encouraged to see, experience and get involved in as many Art opportunities as they can!

After completing an A level in Art you can go on to do many different things following a University pathway or Apprenticeship route: Advertising, Printmaker, Graphic Designer, Interior/Spatial Designer, Illustrator or even a Teacher

At A Level the range in subjects we deliver is really exciting. Students can choose from, Art, Drama and Theatre, Media, Music, Music Technology, Photography and LAMDA (Grade 8 Gold Award - Acting and/or Musical Theatre).

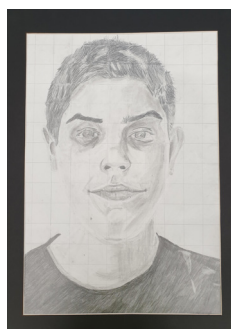
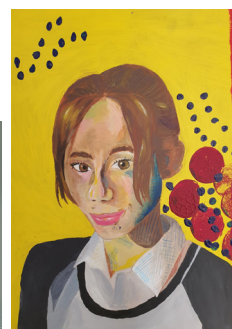
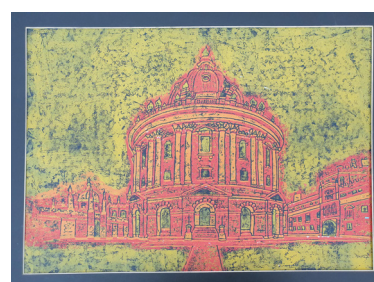
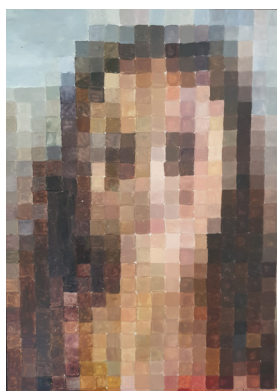
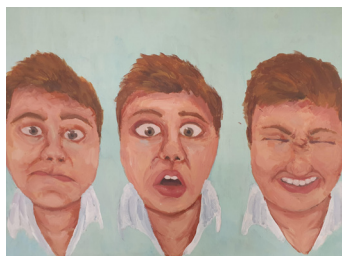
Art is an amazing subject – there are no wrongs just different creative outcomes” - Amber Frizzell

In addition to the academic opportunities students can get involved in a wide range of extra curricular and enrichment opportunities. Art run regular trips to galleries in Oxford and London to broaden students' experiences and ideas. The team of Arts Leaders support events, inspiring younger students with their talent, commitment and dedication.

Oxford Spires Academy Art department has amazing facilities Three purpose-built Art rooms and Gallery space, with ceramics provision, kiln room and Macs for photography. Students from Year 7 to Year 13 have access to these spaces and are encouraged to use them to get creative!



Art allows me to express my creativity without a limit” - Rosanna Pitkin



Rotation - In Year 9 students complete an 'Arts Rotation' where they can specialise in two Creative subjects, Art, Dance, Drama or Music. At A Level the range of subjects we deliver is really exciting. Students can choose from, Art, Drama and Theatre, Media, Music, Music Technology, Photography and LAMDA (Grade 8 Gold Award - Acting and/or Musical Theatre).