

Results of the Department from 2024-25

Key Stage 3 Levels

	Year 7 At or above expected target	Year 8 At or above expected target	Year 9 At or above expected target
Ursuline	85%	84%	86%

Key Stage 4 – GCSE Art

	9 - 7	9 - 5	9 - 4
Ursuline	41%	74%	81%

Key Stage 5 – A-Level

	A*- A	A*- B	A*- C
Art, Craft & Design	0%	67%	67%

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ART and ART TEXTILES

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About the Department

The Art department is based in St Angela's Arts Centre. Following the entrance exhibition space are two main Art classrooms and an Art Textiles room, all fully equipped, light and spacious. Ever greater numbers of students are getting involved in the wide range of artistic opportunities both in and outside of the classroom and choose Art as their option for GCSE.

Our Aims at Ursuline High School

- To give all students the opportunity to take part in creative activities.
- To provide a balanced, varied and challenging curriculum at KS3, KS4 and KS5.
- To give students the opportunity to develop their creative, critical and practical skills through experimentation and investigation.
- To provide enriching cultural experiences for all students.
- To teach the students about the importance of Art and spirituality

Teaching and Learning

All KS3 students have a weekly Art lesson for the whole year and a weekly Textiles Art lesson for half a year. Students learn about

Art and Textiles from a range of diverse cultures, genres and traditions, and the Schemes of Learning are designed to develop practical skills, creative expression and critical development. In KS4 students can opt for Art or Art Textiles which are taught through the Edexcel curriculum. Both courses allow for the exploration of diverse skills and techniques. Sixth form students can then go on to the Art A level in which we follow the broad-based Edexcel Art, Craft and Design specification allowing them to work in multi disciplines ranging from textiles through to sculpture. At A Level students must work within at least two artistic disciplines.

The whole department is well-resourced with access to painting, printing, sculpture, textiles and digital media. Students are challenged to push the boundaries and so the close connection to the DT department is vital as it allows students to use such resources, such as laser cutting and light boxes. The use of ICT plays an important role in teaching and learning in Art. At KS3 students use their laptops in lessons to complete research tasks and access homework.

Extra-Curricular Provision

There are always Art competitions to enter (both inside and outside school), extra classes to attend and visits taking place in the Art department. These are well communicated to the students in advance. We have excellent connections with a variety of artists, practitioners, Foundation Course leaders and Wimbledon College. At the end of the year, a highly attended and prestigious exhibition of the GCSE and A Level work is exhibited.

Arts Leaders are appointed from Years 7-10 and are able to get involved with many of the extra-curricular Arts Faculty events.