



The Creative Arts Department

The Creative Arts department is an exciting and vibrant department, which incorporates a full spectrum of creative subjects including Art, Dance, Drama, Catering, Music and Product Design. We aim to deliver a strong relevant curriculum where students are encouraged to express themselves fully and develop into confident artists.

We are a collaborative department and therefore students have many opportunities for cross-curricular experiences. The subjects within the creative arts department share their vision, providing a knowledge rich curriculum which engages, and encourages creativity and curiosity within our students.

Art, craft and design provides the opportunity for students of all ages to have access to a range of processes, methods and techniques. Allowing students to develop an awareness of artists and designers from a wide variety of times and cultures, to become familiar with applying the visual and tactile elements to their work, and to consider a range of stimulating topics.

Students have the opportunity to develop their skills of observation through first hand acquaintance with objects and artefacts from the natural and made world. Investigation and experimentation of ideas with materials is evident in how students make progress in skill and confidence in their work.

All students are inspired to develop and foster a confidence to express considered opinions about their own work and the work of others, both in written and practical work. For more information, please contact Miss Inns.

Dance department ensures that all students are able to understand and demonstrate key techniques that are vital in dance performance. We aim to inspire students to work hard whilst encouraging innovation, creativity and dance appreciation. In Key Stage 3 (KS3) Dance, all students will develop their knowledge in the fundamental dance actions, timing and execution of performance. This will be in preparation for Key Stage 4 (KS4) Dance, where they will have the responsibility of creating their own dance production that demonstrates their leadership skills and dancing ability. Dance is a unique and exciting course that enables students to become confident, passionate and disciplined young individuals that will lead the next generation of performers. For more information, please contact Mrs Jukes.

The Drama curriculum has been designed to not only prepare pupils with new skills, but also to analyse, justify and investigate current day social issues. These then form a strong foundation in which students are able to explore the complexities of this world and form their own 'individual' judgement. The Drama Department caters to the individual ability of all students through developing both practical and theoretical skills. Students are strongly encouraged to maintain an avid interest in the arts outside of the classroom and use this interest to inform thinking in future lessons.

To ensure that our students are fully prepared for the professional world of theatre, we are delighted to be able to work closely with The Birmingham Repertory Theatre. Year 7 complete a term long project which culminates in all students performing on stage for a 'curtain-raiser' at The REP's Christmas production. Along with this, a number of students from Years 8-10 have dedicated projects or workshops delivered by The REP practitioners. SUA6 are also involved in directing and producing their original performance to tour with local schools. For more information, please contact Mr Lockett or Mrs Hodgetts.

Catering curriculum allows our students to access their creative side whilst teaching the core skills on how to lead a healthy lifestyle through diet. At KS3, our students learn and build on a range of life skills that they will take from the Academy to allow them to prepare and cook healthy meals for themselves and their families. At KS4, we offer a Hospitality and Catering, which builds on the skills learnt at KS3 and allows the students to gain a broad knowledge of the hospitality industry, nutrition, food safety and planning menus. At Key Stage 5 (KS5), we currently offer a Food Science and Nutrition course that has more of a focus on the makeup of ingredients relating to the science and nutritional aspects of food. For more information, please contact Mr Howe.

Music makes an enormous contribution to the holistic achievement, development and well-being of our SUA students. The department offers a wide range of musical activities as well as many professionally equipped facilities (i.e. Such as Apple Mac Computer suite and two music practice rooms with upright pianos) for every level of ability, every instrument and in a variety of performance styles- for nurturing and developing our SUA students into enthusiastic music learners and performers of our next generation.

SUA Music Department offers a number of exciting extra-curricular opportunities (i.e. School Choir, Musical Futures Band Group Workshop and many more) for growing our students' ownership of their own development and joy in learning and participating in various musical group activities with others in school. The school also offers numerous public performance opportunities such as the School's Christmas Concert and the end of year concert- for encouraging and growing both confidence and competence in SUA students.

Through our strong partnership with the Staffordshire Music Entrust Service, SUA School also provides both individual, and shared instrumental lessons for students who can show great talent and commitment in their chosen instrumental learning.

As a school, we also have a strong partnership with the Staffordshire University Music Technology Department, which our KS4 and Post-16 music students benefit hugely from. (i.e. By attending Staffordshire University Music Technology workshops, studios and many more)
For more information, please get in touch with Miss Youn.

We also offer extracurricular opportunities for students to set up bands and take ownership of their own development whilst being part of a music group. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Entrust Music Lessons. Instrumental lessons are offered across a wide range of instruments. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students and both individual and group lessons are offered. For more information, please contact Miss Youn.

Through Product Design, students will be introduced to a variety of experiences that explore a range of three-dimensional designs, processes and techniques. They will be made aware of both traditional and new technologies. Students will explore the use of designing for different purposes, using a variety of methods and techniques on a variety of materials. Students will explore relevant designs, products and resources relating to a range of craft and design, from the past and from recent times, including European and non-European examples. For more information, please contact Mrs Garland

Members of the department:

Mrs Amy Jukes – Head of department for performing arts

Miss Lisa Inns – Teacher in charge within art

Mr Jordan Lockett – Teacher of drama

Miss Katie Hodgetts – Teacher of drama/music

Mr Dan Howe – Teacher in charge within catering

Miss Jisun Youn – Teacher of music

Mrs Toni Garland – Teacher in charge within design and technology