

Art

Vision and Intent



Co-op Academy
Grange

Our Vision for Art at Co-op Academy Grange

Art is a subject that enriches students' lives by enabling them to broaden their experience of the modern world and encouraging curiosity and appreciation. Studying Art provides students with a variety of opportunities, practical and personal skills. It allows students to think creatively and flexibly to develop transferable skills so that they are prepared for life after Grange. Through their Art journey students will develop strong procedural knowledge in a range of artistic disciplines such as fine art, ceramics and graphic design. By developing strong procedural knowledge, students build their confidence and independence to become creative thinkers and designers. Students will develop critical understanding and the ability to express their own opinions as well as the viewpoints of others. Art gives students a therapeutic and relaxing outlet, whilst also being mentally stimulating and exciting. Art develops the cultural capital of students through exposure to artists, designers and craftspeople from a range of backgrounds and cultures. Art shows students how the creative arts are a part of our everyday lives and contextualises the relevance of design for both purpose and pleasure.

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Our Curriculum – What do we want our Art curriculum to be?

At Co-op Academy Grange we have an ambitious and exciting Art curriculum that equips students with the creativity and knowledge to engage in the world around them.

The Art curriculum is designed to ensure all of our students:

- Develop the cultural capital to understand, engage with and be critical of the world around them.
- Develop a love of learning and appreciation of the arts that goes beyond the classroom.
- Develop their own personal creative expression and the ability to articulate their own opinions.
- Provide firm foundations to enable them to move onto the next stage of their learning journey.
- Can succeed regardless of their background or previous abilities.

Our Art curriculum has been written in line with the KS3 National Curriculum for Art and Design and is based around the three main artistic disciplines Fine Art, 3D Design and Graphic Design. The KS3 Art curriculum builds on and develops students' knowledge from KS2. The curriculum is designed to expose students to a wide range of both modern and historical cultures and contexts and aims to deepen students' educational, cultural and social capital. The curriculum is designed to support all students to achieve regardless of their background or prior abilities.

The Art curriculum is sequenced so that students study term-long projects that allow them to master core procedural knowledge within each discipline. Students revisit each discipline throughout their KS3 journey which allows them to develop on their procedural knowledge and increase in proficiency in their execution. Students are taught how to think critically and develop a rigorous understanding of how Art and design shapes history and contributes to the culture, creativity and wealth of the nation.

What does it look like in the classroom? (Implementation)

Through expert subject and pedagogical knowledge, teachers are able to develop positive classroom cultures that are safe spaces for creative self expression. Teachers use recall activities to check and consolidate prior learning which is used to guide the course of learning. Teachers use a graduated approach to support students to master procedural knowledge by using a combination of explicit instruction, guided practice and independent practice. Teachers use skilful questioning to gauge student comprehension and adapt teaching where necessary. Teachers use a variety of verbal and written assessment techniques to identify common misconceptions and adapt teaching to allow all students to make good progress. Teachers make explicit cross curricular links to contextualise student knowledge and support with the development of the whole child. Teachers encourage students to take risks and experiment and build a culture where it is okay to make mistakes as students know this is how we improve. All lessons have a heavy emphasis on vocabulary and ensuring students are able to articulate themselves using subject specific language.

What will the impact be?

Through a high quality curriculum delivered with expert subject knowledge and strong pedagogy students will be able to secure the best possible outcomes so that all future pathways are open to them. The Art curriculum develops creative thinkers who are able to be critical of the world around them. Students will have the confidence to express their own opinions as well as the maturity to respect the opinions of others even when they are different from their own. Students will gain the relevant skills to become a productive member of society.