

VERULAM SCHOOL

SPOTLIGHT ON:



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The Creative Arts are beginning a resurgence at Verulam School with Art and Design a key part of bringing practical art to the students. The curriculum has evolved to focus on basic skills of drawing, painting, printing and design theories while ensuring students are taught how to use a range of materials such as oil pastels and watercolour paint in addition to collage work and pencils. Students are taught to be independent as they move through KS3 and understand the value of immediate visual analysis allowing students to perform and improve in every lesson. All students complete a final conclusion to their project work which is their choice of colour themes, subject matter and composition in the key skill they have been developing that term.

Critical appreciation of artworks is a key feature in the art syllabus and this extends to visiting art galleries in year 10. In 2023, students visited The Royal Academy's summer exhibition and this year The Tate Modern. The school is extremely well placed to take advantage of the fantastic Galleries and Museums in London – such an opportunity for our students. Appreciating artworks in real life shows the students how artists have made mistakes, their pencil outlines, their fantastic blending and pigmentation unlike a computer screen or book. There is nothing like it!

For the previous two years, the year 10 GCSE group have also been lucky enough to be invited to Bernard's Heath Primary School to help their student's complete art during their art week. All Verulam students were asked to bring some work and give a little talk to the primary pupils about how they made their work. Verulam students then got stuck in helping the pupils make artworks of their own. This year the focus was looking at a local St Albans artist Rana Begum. A valuable afternoon which our students really enjoyed!

Extra curricular clubs continue to grow in art: there are two clubs that run after school: a watercolour painting club with Miss Bedi on a Tuesday and a KS4 club runs on a Thursday. These are beginning to take off and students are more than welcome to come and enjoy a session regularly or just as a drop in from time to time.

All students can be successful somewhere in the art curriculum and the aim is to foster an appreciation of artists regardless of skill.



COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Monday 22nd April	LIBF Exam GCSE PE Moderation Year 11 County Cup Final	6pm
Tuesday 23rd April	GCSE MFL Speaking Exams	All day
Wednesday 24th April	GCSE MFL Speaking Exams	All day
Thursday 25th April	GCSE MFL Speaking Exams Junior Maths Challenge	All day
Friday 26th April	GCSE MFL Speaking Exams	All day
Monday 29th April	Bronze DoE Trip	Sunday/Monday
Tuesday 30th April	Paris Trip	All day
Wednesday 1st May	Paris Trip GCSE Art Exam	All day
Thursday 2nd May	Paris Trip GCSE Art Exam Year 8 County Cup Final	All day
Friday 3rd May	Paris Trip	All day