

The Art Department

At Wood Green Academy, the Art Department is a highly motivated, enthusiastic, and passionate team, committed to ensuring that all students make progress and enjoy their school experience. We are a supportive department with a wealth of specialist arts experience, and we pride ourselves on being proactive—constantly aiming to improve our pedagogy, teaching resources, and personal practice. We are a thriving department with a consistently strong uptake at both GCSE and A Level.

The department currently consists of four Art teachers and one part-time technician. We work collaboratively to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum. All members of the team are fully qualified in a form of Art and Design, bringing a wide range of specialist skills including Fine Art, Ceramics, and Textiles and Fashion Design, alongside a broad spectrum of teaching experience.

Our Team:

- Head of Art
- Second in the Art Department: Leader of Progression (Yr 7-9).
- Two Part-Time Teachers of Art
- Part-Time Technician

Department Location and Resources:

The Art Department is located on the ground floor of the Weston Block, where four art studios are situated. One studio includes a large ceramics area and another houses a printing press. A well-equipped photography cupboard is shared across the department and all studios are fully resourced to promote a positive and creative environment that enhances teaching and learning.

Each studio includes:

- A projector and whiteboard (connected to a staff laptop, which is provided)
- Access to a colour printer
- A full range of drawing and painting materials
- Sinks for practical work



Curriculum and Examinations

Students at Wood Green Academy follow a two-year Key Stage 3 and a three-year Key Stage 4 curriculum. At Key Stages 4 and 5, students can opt to study the following courses:

- **GCSE Art:** Art is a popular subject choice. Students follow the OCR Fine Art specification from Year 9 to Year 11, with final assessments taking place at the end of Year 11.
- **A Level Fine Art:** Our A Level numbers continue to grow. Students study the AQA specification in both Year 12 and Year 13.

The Art Department is committed to delivering high-quality teaching and enriching our students' educational journey. We strive to foster a love of learning while also developing students' cultural capital. We firmly believe that in order for our students to achieve the best possible outcomes, we must provide them with the best educational experiences.

To this end, we aim to broaden students' horizons through experiences such as visits to art galleries and degree shows—such as the Birmingham City University Inspired Festival.

Department Success

In Summer 2025, the Art Department achieved excellent results, reflecting the hard work of both students and staff:

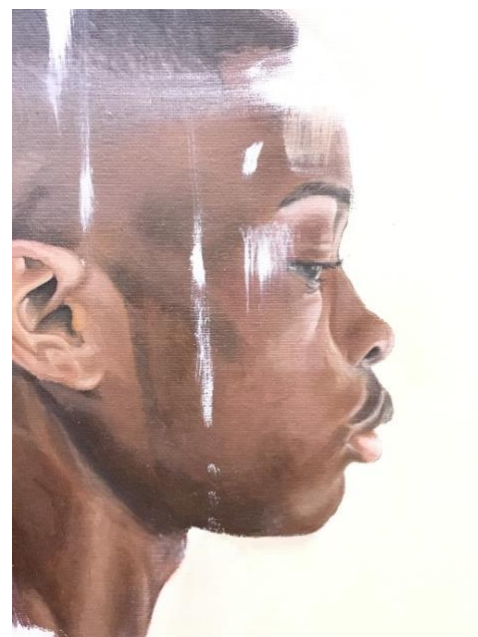
GCSE Fine Art (OCR):

- 20% of students achieved grades 9–7
- 82% of students achieved grades 9–5

A Level Fine Art (AQA):

- 100% of students achieved grades A–B

Support and CPD





At Wood Green Academy, we are deeply committed to the professional development of our staff. Upon joining the school, you will have access to a wide range of CPD opportunities designed to enhance your teaching practice and support your career progression.

We have dedicated CPD time every Wednesday afternoon, which includes whole-school training, departmental meetings, and individual professional development activities. These sessions are aligned with our school priorities and rooted in current educational research, focusing on areas such as recall and retention, vocabulary development, and fostering students' character and learning traits.

New team members will be supported by a departmental mentor within the Art Department, staff are encouraged to lead projects, contribute to the ongoing evaluation of our curriculum and schemes of learning, and take on developmental opportunities such as shadowing, observing colleagues, and leading initiatives—tailored to everyone's aspirations and experience.

As a department, we are continually striving to support all students in achieving their best. We are proud of the work we do and of the vibrant, inclusive learning environment we've created. We look forward to welcoming a like-minded professional who is motivated, dedicated, and passionate about the value of Art as inspiring, relevant, and accessible subjects for all students.

Warm regards,

Miss Sarah Measures

Head of Art