

Co-Curricular Clubs and Societies in the Art Department

M4 Art Club

The M4 Art club is open to all M4s who are interested in spending time in the art department outside their lessons. It takes place on Friday evenings and is a mixture of teacher-led and pupil-led activities. The M4s are encouraged to work independently and produce their own work but are also offered a series of creative Art projects which normally run for 3 to 4 weeks. Recent creative projects have included painting with felt, stencil graffiti painting and shadow theatre.

LS Art Club

The lower school Art club is open to all 3rd and L4th form pupils interested in expanding their creative skills. The lower school Art projects are structured to allow for independent as well as collaborative work to be produced in a range of media including shadow puppetry, sculpture, and printmaking.

ARTiculation

The department regularly sends students to compete in the <u>ARTiculation</u> competition. ARTiculation is the Roche Court Educational Trust's international public speaking initiative, championing the appreciation and discussion of art. Taking part in the internal heats is open to all L6th and U6th students with an interest in Art and public speaking.

Remembrance Day Painting Award

This interhouse painting competition is organised as a way of bringing Art into the Houses and encouraging students to reflect on the meaning of the commemorations. Each year the 13 House teams are each given a large-scale canvas with an outline of a silhouette related to the World Wars in the middle of it and are asked to create a painting which represents their house's interpretation of the theme of Remembrance Day.

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Art Focus

This time is reserved for our exam pupils; they are free to come into their studio space and to continue developing their coursework. This facility is vital in order to meet the rigorous demands of GCSE and A-level. Advice and support are available if required, but most importantly Art Focus Time provides pupils with the time and space to stand back from their work and to consider a range of creative possibilities and to develop personal direction and enthusiasms.

Art & Architecture Societies

There are two student-led societies in the Art department. The societies are open primarily to 6th form students with an interest in Art and Architecture, and to those students who would like to study either subject at university level. A range of activities take place on a weekly basis ranging from engaging presentations on Art and Architecture, to debates, to practical workshops.

Pottery

Open to all year groups, a wide range of skills is taught, enabling pupils to explore their creative potential in this area. The course covers many aspects of pottery including developing ideas and practical skills such as hand-building, decoration, glazing and throwing on the potter's wheel.