

## **Art & Design**

The department has recently moved into brand new facilities. There are six generously sized art rooms, with excellent natural light, one with a balcony with views over the Tyne Valley.

The new facilities include a ceramics room with 2 kilns, a print room and other resources and facilities to produce 2D and 3D work. The department has access to 20 computers and 15 laptops which include ICT programs such as Photoshop and Movie Maker. The department also has an Art Technician to assist in organising equipment and offers additional assistance when delivering large practical activities.

There are currently 7 teachers in the department who work to a common scheme of work but with flexibility for individual interpretation. The department maintains a close relationship with Higher Education providers in the area and progression rates are always high. Art has links with other institutions: Baltic, Shipley Art Gallery, Hatton Gallery and Vane Gallery and these are developing students' knowledge of traditional and contemporary art practice.

Up to the end of Key Stage 3, all students study Art and Design. Beyond Key Stage 3 the subject remains extremely popular. At Key Stage 4 we currently offer BTEC First, GCSE Art and Design and GCSE Photography. Alongside this we also offer a vocational programme which incorporates BTEC First courses. At Post 16 we have healthy AS, A and BTEC groups.

The department's vision is 'to create an exciting, creative and contemporary curriculum to inspire and generate new thinkers and future innovators'. The department has recently been featured on the Ofsted Good Practice web site focusing on our BTEC curriculum and personalised learning strategies.

The teaching commitment for the successful candidate will cover most or all year groups.

Joining the Art department here at Walbottle is a fantastic opportunity which I hope you will grasp as we work towards further improvement and achievement in 2013.

Sarah Anderson (Mrs)  
Head of Department

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