



STANGROUND ACADEMY

ART & DESIGN - INTENT

The Stanground Academy Art department believes that Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity.

Our high-quality art and design education engages, inspires and challenges pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. As pupils progress, they are able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They also learn how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity, and wealth of our nation.

Our aim is to ensure that all pupils:

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms

We do this by delivering a clear sequenced and spiral curriculum and our planning prioritises the importance of key concepts, knowledge retrieval and low stakes testing in our planning.

In Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils are taught the Key Stage 3 Art and design national curriculum to develop their creativity and ideas and increase proficiency in their execution. They develop a critical understanding of artists, architects, and designers, expressing reasoned judgements that can inform their own work.

The STEAM club provides pupils with a vessel to express their thoughts and emotions and to develop life skills for sharing ideas that can be applied in all walks of life.

For some pupils, studying Art and design at Key Stage 4 provides them with the platform for more advanced studies, establishing the basis for a wide range of careers. At Key Stage 4, we offer AQA GCSE Art and design: Fine Art for pupils wishing to further their knowledge, understanding and skills in art and design through integrated practical, critical and contextual study that encourages direct engagement with original works and practice.

Pupils will explore an idea, convey an experience or respond to a theme or issue of personal significance.

At Key Stage 5 we offer:

- A-level Art and Design: Fine Art and,
- A-level Art and Design: Photography

These courses lead to higher education, apprenticeships, or advanced employment.

