

Year 8 Art Curriculum Rationale

Students start by completing a baseline assessment observational drawing task, to ascertain their level of skill and understanding (this task will be re-visited before each Census Point to demonstrate progress). Students will study the remaining 3 of the 8 Formal Elements in Art then complete a project. The first 5 Formal Elements were chosen for Year 7 study, as they form the basis of Art knowledge. Students will learn about the 3 remaining Formal Elements and how to use them in conjunction with the other Formal Elements. Students will improve their skills and knowledge using a variety of media and techniques whilst building an understanding of contextual references for each Formal Element. Students will learn how the Formal Elements can be used in combination with each other to create art works. Each term, students will learn a new Formal Element, in a sequence designed to maximise student understanding and retention of knowledge. In the last term, students will produce a project, where they can choose to focus on one or more of the Formal Elements.

Unit:	Core knowledge/skill development	Sequence:	Assessment	Literacy, numeracy, PSHE, FBV, other links	ACP and VAA development:	Home learning and enrichment
BASELINE	Students	Understanding of	Baseline	Literacy -	All or most ACP and	Key Stage 3 after
OBSERVATIONAL	demonstrate existing	student progress	observational	Contextual research	VAA's are developed	school/lunch time Art
ASSESSMENT TASK	skill level.	level	drawing task with	sheet.	in each unit.	Club throughout
2nd lesson			department	Analysis of artist	Individual teachers to	year.
			standardization.	research.	direct HPL focus.	Opportunity for trip
	1. Understanding use		Explicit reference to	Key topic subject		to Pitt Rivers and
COMPOSITION	of composition in	How the other	HPL.	specific vocabulary.		Natural History
(Terms 1 + 2)	Art.	Formal Elements	Peer/self-assessment.	Student reflection		Museum.
		interact with	Verbal feedback.	sheets.		Community projects
	2. Different types of	Composition.	Light touch.	Numeracy-		and Art competitions
	composition e.g.	How to use tints,	Live marking.	Measurement in		(throughout year)
	Atmospheric	tones and shades to	Department	composition (use of		
	perspective and Rule	create distance	electronic marksheet	perspective and Rule		Homework:
	of Thirds.	(relates to	for quality and	of Thirds).		Title page on 5
		Perspective learnt in	behaviour.			Formal Elements.
		Year 7)	Student refection			Mind Map.
		Rule of Thirds –	sheet.			Colour theory and
		Understanding of	End of unit			colour wheel.
		and how to use this	assessment sheet.			Artist research and
		technique students				practical responses.

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		will learn different applications of this.				
	3. How different artists use composition.	Mondrian sequence from oil pastel tree to painted abstract version to pure abstract composition collage. Kandinsky – composition and Abstraction, responding to music.				
	4. Japanese Art and composition.	How composition is used in Japanese Art. students create a landscape work using traditional imagery.				
OBSERVATIONAL ASSESSMENT TASK	5. Understanding composition in three-dimensions.	Constructed sculptures using 3D spatial awareness.				
PATTERN (Term 3)	1. Overview of the different types of patterns.	Students gain an understanding of techniques used in creating patterns in Art.	Explicit reference to HPL. Peer/self-assessment. Verbal feedback. Light touch.	Literacy - Contextual research sheet. Analysis of artist research.	All or most ACP and VAA's are developed in each unit.	Key Stage 3 after school/lunch time Art Club throughout year.

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	2.How to create an artwork based on pattern.	Students will study and create Optical artwork.	Live marking. Department electronic marksheet for quality and behaviour.	Key topic subject specific vocabulary. Student reflection sheets. Numeracy-		Community projects and Art competitions (throughout year
	3.Use of patterns with animals.	Experimentation with media and techniques – pen drawing, polyblock and mono printing.	Student refection sheet. End of unit assessment sheet.	Use of mirror imagery and rotation in pattern work. Maths techniques in Optical Art		Homework: Artist research and practical responses.
	4. Explore how artists use pattern.	Creating responses to Jiyoung Chung using collage.				
TEXTURE (Terms 4 + 5)	 Understanding visual/implied and physical texture and how they differ. Experimenting using a variety of media to explore 	Students will learn the two types of texture and how they differ. Students will explore: Mark making/frottage.	Explicit reference to HPL. Peer/self-assessment. Verbal feedback. Light touch. Live marking. Department electronic marksheet	Literacy - Contextual research sheet. Analysis of artist research. Key topic subject specific vocabulary. Student reflection	All or most ACP and VAA's are developed in each unit. Individual teachers to direct HPL focus.	Key Stage 3 after school/lunch time Art Club throughout year. Community projects and Art competitions (throughout year
	both visual and physical texture. 3.Researching and exploring how different artists use texture in their work.	Clay tiles inspired by Nell Devit and Angela Shwer. Anslem Kiefer's use of grass in paint. Van Gogh mark making in drawing and paint.	for quality and behaviour. Student refection sheet. End of unit assessment sheet.	sheets.		Homework: Artist research and practical responses.

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OBSERVATIONAL ASSESSMENT TASK		Collograph. Rolled paper art.				
	Understanding of process in project-based work (student independence). Initial ideas based on theme. Researching chosen artist. Development of subsequent ideas. Conclusion in the form of outcome.	Rolled paper art. African themed with an emphasis on patterns, animals with the use of sgraffito and fabric painting) Research culture + art/artist to inform Mind Map/ideas page (must include Formal Element focus for student) Practical art responses. Use of media and	Explicit reference to HPL. Peer/self-assessment. Verbal feedback. Light touch. Live marking. Department electronic marksheet for quality and behaviour. Student refection sheet. End of unit assessment sheet.	Literacy - Contextual research sheet. Analysis of culture + artist research. Key topic subject specific vocabulary. Student reflection sheets. Numeracy- Measurements in patterns. PSHE -	All or most ACP and VAA's are developed in each unit. Individual teachers to direct HPL focus.	Key Stage 3 after school/lunch time Art Club throughout year. Community projects and Art competitions (throughout year) Homework: Title page on new theme. Mind Map. Artist research and practical responses.
		techniques. Development of ideas and refining work. Outcomes.		Gaining understanding of different cultures		