

Art and Design

The art, craft and design department at Ark Soane is a vibrant, active hub where learners take part in a rigorous, diverse, and fulfilling creative curriculum. As a school we highly value arts education as a vital part of an Ark Soane students' broader cultural education. We believe that art and design is fundamentally about learning to produce and represent meanings, so good education in art involves doing (e.g. making or interpreting) and being (e.g. taking on the role of artist) as well as knowing.

Our curriculum therefore develops each student as an artist by building up from the basics. Students begin Year 7 with an introduction to the formal elements (line, tone, space, shape, form, colour, texture and pattern) before moving on to apply this in a variety of projects in Year 8 and 9 that explore different media and genres in their work.

Learning in art, craft and design at Ark Soane means having thoughtful encounters with diverse materials and processes at all levels, these include painting, drawing, design, sculpture, textiles and printmaking. We take students on a journey by examining art, craft and design throughout history and including the present day. We believe that this exploration and analysis of contemporary and historical art practice is key to understanding how artists build and at times break from the existing body of knowledge.

All students will have the opportunity to study Art at GCSE. They have access to our well-resourced studios and workshops to develop greater skill with art and design processes from sculpture to computer aided design.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Why study Art?	Formal Elements	Colour and Landscape	Colour and Landscape (Enquiry)	Pattern and Design (Print)	Pattern and Design (3D)
Year 8	What is drawing?	Drawing to Learn	Portraying People	Cultural Connections	Expressionism (2D)	Expressionism (3D)
Year 9	Space and Place	Space and Place	Art, communication and social change	Art, communication and social change	Identity (3D)	Identity
Year 10	GCSE Skills workshops	GCSE Skills workshops	Teacher led project	Teacher led project	Student outcomes	Main independent Project
Year 11	Main independent Project	Main independent Project	Non-examined assessment (NEA) externally set task	NEA externally set task	NEA externally set task	-
Year 12*	Workshop Series	Workshop Series	The Human Condition	The Human Condition	The Human Condition	Personal Investigation
Year 13*	Personal Investigation	Personal Investigation	NEA externally set task	NEA externally set task	NEA externally set task	-