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## Art and Design

As a former Specialist Visual Arts College the Art Department at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre has developed a national reputation for excellence.

*'The Standards of art and drama are outstanding and do much to enhance students cultural awareness and spiritual development'* (Ofsted 2014).

Our students consistently attain above national averages in the Visual Arts, for example in both Fine Art and Graphic Communication 60% of our A Level A2 students gained A\*-A grades (National A\*-A Fine Art 32% and Graphics 24%) in the June 2014 examinations.

The Department provides a role model for work in all areas of the school, motivating our students for further learning and employment in the country's largest growth industry.

Our Arts provision encompasses the full range of Visual Arts specialist courses. Currently we offer GCSE courses in Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Three Dimensional Studies and in addition to these options at AS and A2, we also offer Photography. All our year nine students are entered for a half GCSE in Art & Design, year seven and eight students follow a skills based curriculum exploring Drawing, Painting, and Ceramics, Stone carving, Graphics and Digital Image making. These skills are assessed using the GCSE assessment criteria from year seven allowing informed progression across all years.

*'Providing an extremely rich range of options'* (Ofsted)

These courses are delivered by a highly motivated team of four full-time and one part-time specialist visual art teachers; we also have an arts technician supporting the Department.

The Department is accommodated in seven well equipped teaching rooms: two of which are set up as year twelve and thirteen studios to support their independent learning; four rooms have mini ICT suites and all have access to thirty networked lap top computers.

Our partnerships with the local community and businesses contribute to student learning, and we have a formal progression partnership with Hereford College of Arts which offers good financial bursaries to our students when taking up Arts Degree courses.

The Department strives to maintain a rich and inspiring creative environment by showcasing students' work and a wealth of other visual stimulus throughout the school and wider community.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this subject please contact Mr A Naylor, Head of Department via email [admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk).