

The Faculty of Creative and Performing Arts

The Faculty of Creative and Performing Arts is a newly formed department amalgamating Art, Music and Drama from September 2007. We are a lively and progressive department which values students' progress and achievements on all levels. We are extremely proud of all the Creative and Performing Arts work which happens here at The Ridgeway School. Whether it's our Bi-annual Art Exhibition, one of our hugely popular Musical Productions or our participation in The National Theatre Connections project, we always set the highest possible standards for our students and they never disappoint. Our students are our greatest asset and we are fortunate to have hard-working, committed students who give freely and enthusiastically of their time.

This is an extremely exciting time for us. Our new collaborative approach has already led to two fantastically inspiring Arts days for Year 7 which culminated in filmed performance pieces; we hope these will be regular events. We ran a day of workshops for Year 9 looking at alcohol and driving for the school Enterprise day and we provided some exciting transition projects for year 5 and six during the summer term. We also continue to run a wide range of enrichment activities every day! We have just introduced the Artsaward for some students in Year 9 and we are hoping to open it out to more students next year. In September 2008 we welcomed some exciting new curriculum additions. As well as our range of GCSE's and A Levels we started a BTEC First in Art and Design and a BTEC First and Award in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre and Performance).

Our individual departments have always been proud of the work they do and the contribution they make to Arts education within the school. However, since September, we have found ourselves in the privileged and exciting position of being able to work together to form the mission and objectives of a truly comprehensive and interdisciplinary learning environment, one that affords every student the opportunity to develop strengths across arts disciplines.

The Ridgeway School – Art and Design

The Art and Design department is housed in three purpose-built rooms that are equipped for key stage 3, 4 and sixth-form teaching. In addition the central room is equipped for ceramics. Each room has interactive whiteboard and projector facilities. There is a small library housed within the department and there are computers for department use.

There are three subject specialists and one technician within the department.

The Ridgeway School - Drama

The Department has an excellent drama studio which is easily adapted into a performance venue. It is fully equipped with high quality sound and lighting equipment and a multi- media projection system. From September 2009 we will gain a second studio / teaching space which will give us further flexibility for the range of activities we can offer.