

Year 8 Art Curriculum Plan

Topics covered	Assessments
<p>Clay Vessels: Produce a clay vessel based upon study of natural forms.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw from observation of natural forms • Research and plan a functioning vessel constructed from clay • Investigate work from other times and cultures. • Use basic ceramics techniques, with control. <p>Consider form versus function, solve problems in the light of this.</p> <p>Insects: Produce a sophisticated 2D image of an original insect designed by the student.</p> <p>Develop the insect into an imaginative 3D structure.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the lifecycles of a variety of insects • Use a variety of media with sensitivity and skill • Use research and imagination to create an original design • Discuss ideas and critically evaluate work. • Use imagination and organisation in creating a 3D structure. • Develop problem solving skills. 	<p>Students have a short, formal test which checks previous knowledge from year 7. This helps to modify the base line level for the start of year 8.</p> <p>Formative assessment is ongoing in lessons.</p> <p>Every home work is formally assessed in mark sheets at the back of the sketch book, (comment, target, effort).</p> <p>At the end of every project a final mark will be awarded.</p> <p>Peer, self and teacher assessment will be used throughout the project, feedback will be verbal and written.</p>
<p>Home enrichment opportunities :</p> <p>Ceramics: Visit the Fitzwilliam museum’s ceramics department, ceramics from around the world, through time. Collect postcards, draw from exhibits, discuss. Visit local craft practitioners, craft shops to get ideas for ceramics. Collect interesting natural forms for drawing.</p> <p>Insects: Visit the Zoology Museum on Downing Street in Cambridge, the Natural History Museum in London, a butterfly farm. Invest in a magnifying glass and go “mini beast” spotting!</p> <p>Watch episodes of Life on Earth and other Natural Sciences programmes on You Tube.</p>	