Learning Aims and Curriculum Intent:

Intent:

As a department we are fundamentally committed to providing students with outstanding learning opportunities, and, as a result, we intend to make a significant contribution to the field of Art Education. Put in simple terms, we intend:

To be recognized as one of the most forward thinking and successful Art departments in London (and by extension the world).

To be recognized as a center of excellence in Art education (beyond merely secondary education).

To provide outstanding opportunities and experiences for Forest Students.

To provide outstanding Art opportunities for the wider community.

Our curriculum is fundamental in making this happen.

Departmental Aims:

Broadly, the curriculum will form an important part in enabling the realisation of the Art department's 'Vision and Values Statements' (points 1, 2 and 3 are of particular relevance). These statements are a means of bringing our intent to life. They are outlined below:

(1) Our curriculum is Broad and values Inclusion, Diversity and Sustainability.

(2) Forest Students Have an Excellent Art Experience.(3) We Raise the Profile of the Department so it is High Profile.

(4) Staff have access to Excellent Subject Specific CPD.

(5) Students Art education prepares them well for life beyond the White Gates allowing them to engage with the aesthetic world with confidence and appreciation.

More specifically, the Year 7 curriculum will support students in acquiring the KS3 Skills, Knowledge and Threshold concepts for Art which are outlined below.

Student will develop understanding of	More specifically	When will this definitely occur?	
The formal elements	An understanding of the meaning of Line, Shape, Tone, Texture, Form, and Pattern and how these can be used by artists in the construction of artwork.	Year 7 Michaelmas and Trinity (All terms to a lesser degree)	
Observational Drawing	An understanding of how to record the shape, tone, texture, form and pattern of objects from direct observation.	Year 7 Michaelmas, Year 8 Lent, Year 9 Michaelmas	
Colour Theory	An understanding of complimentary, contrasting, analogous, warm and cool colours and how these can be used by artists in their work.	Year 7 Trinity, Year 8 Michaelmas, Year 8 Lent, Year 9 Lent	
Experimental / wider drawing	An understanding of how to record ideas using blind drawing, drawing through touch, drawing with the wrong hand, drawing with a continuous line.	Year 7 Trinity, Year 9 all terms	
Mono printing	An understanding of using the mono printing process to make a range of marks	Year 7 Trinity	
Ceramics	An understanding of basic construction techniques.	Reduce project length	
Sculpture	An understanding of how three-dimensional materials can be used in the construction of Art.	Year 7 Lent, Year 8 Trinity	
Painting	An understanding of colour mixing and paint application.	Year 8 Michaelmas, Year 9 Michaelmas	
Photography Skills	An understanding of compositional styles that can be used in photography. An understanding of basic viewpoints, framing and camera angles that can be used in photography. An understanding of how lighting can be used in photography. An understanding of basic photomontage techniques.	Year 7 Lent, Year 9 Lent	
Basic Digital editing techniques	An understanding of how to alter contrast, brightness, hue, saturation, opacity and cropping.	Year 8 Lent	
Sketchbook presentations	An understanding of sketchbook compositional techniques, font styles, purposeful annotations, and backgrounds.	Year 7 Michaelmas, Year 7 Lent, Year 9 all terms	
Artist Analysis An understanding of how to critically analyse the work of others and formulates an informed op		Year 7 Trinity, Year 8 Michaelmas and Trinity, Year 9 all terms	
Critical Awareness	An understanding of why people make artwork and how this relates to wider cultural contexts.		
Design and Development of Ideas	An understanding of how to record, review and refine ideas through annotated drawing.	Year 7 Lent, Year 8 Trinity, Year 9 Lent and Trinity	
Reflect on and learn from mistakes	An understanding of how to reflect on mistakes and make improvements through Peer and Self-assessment.	Year 9 Michaelmas and Lent	

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Term	Content, Key Questions and Knowledge	Skills	Assessment
Michaelmas	Topic: 'Object and Ambiguity'. Indicative content: Big Learning Objective: To understand how the ambiguous properties of objects can be used to create artwork. Threshold Question: How can the inherent ambiguous properties of objects be utilised in sculptural assemblage? Discipline: Discipline: (Art) 3D – Sculpture.	The Skills Below will be Covered as a Minimum: Subject Specific Skills Design and Development of Ideas Sculptural construction Artist analysis Observational Drawing Transferable Skills Collaboration Creativity Communication Oracy Literacy Self-Assessment Peer Assessment	For more details and a justification of this approach, please refer to the Art department Assessment Policy. Holistic assessment of sketchbook. This method of assessment replicates the assessment methods used for GCSE and A-Level coursework as well as approaches taken to assessment in the world's leading Art Schools. KS3 assessment grid used for guidance and accuracy.
Lent	Topic: 'Inspired by Hockney'. Indicative content: Objective: To understanding how painting can be used to create a vibrant landscape. Threshold Question: How can painting be used to record and alter landscapes? Discipline: Discipline: (Art) 2D (Paint).	The Skills Below will be Covered as a Minimum: Subject Specific Skills Colour Theory Painting – Application and critical understanding Photography – Application and critical understanding Transferable Skills Collaboration Creativity Communication Oracy Literacy Self-Assessment Peer-Assessment	For more details and a justification of this approach, please refer to the Art department Assessment Policy. Holistic assessment of sketchbook. This method of assessment replicates the assessment methods used for GCSE and A-Level coursework as well as approaches taken to assessment in the world's leading Art Schools. KS3 assessment grid used for guidance and accuracy.
Trinity	Topic: Title – TBC. This will be a specific Photography project, making more space for Photography to be explicitly taught as a discrete discipline at KS3. Objective: Big Learning Intention – TBC The objective of the project will introduce students to the fundamentals of Photography including composition, perspective and lighting. Threshold Question: TBC Discipline: Photography	The Skills Below will be Covered as a Minimum: Subject Specific Skills Photography – Application and Critical Understanding Composition - Application and Critical Understanding Lighting - Application and Critical Understanding Perspective - Application and Critical Understanding Transferable Skills Collaboration Creativity Communication Oracy Literacy Self-Assessment Peer-Assessment	For more details and a justification of this approach, please refer to the Art department Assessment Policy. Holistic assessment of sketchbook. This method of assessment replicates the assessment methods used for GCSE and A-Level coursework as well as approaches taken to assessment in the world's leading Art Schools. KS3 assessment grid used for guidance and accuracy.

Examples of Homework	N/A – We do not currently set H/W for KS3 Art students (This will be reviewed prior to September 2024).		
Key terminology	Great teaching can perhaps be understood as being akin to Jazz Improvisation. E.g., Freedom to respond to an environment in a way that is sensitive and brings about new learning and experiences can only occur within very strict and well-constructed boundaries and frameworks. With this in mind it is important to note that, throughout the course of a project, and as a result of expert teaching, some key terminology will develop unexpectedly. For this reason, the list below is not exhaustive. However, as a minimum, the following terms will be explored: Photography, Composition, Lighting, Perspective, Artist Analysis, Colour Theory, Painting, Design and Development of Ideas, Sculptural Construction, Observational Drawing, Ambiguity, Contrast, Saturation, Assemblage, Complimentary Colour, Analogous Colour, Warm Colour, Mod Roc, Chiaroscuro, Contre Jour, Line, Tone, Colour, Pattern, Texture, Form, Space, Surrealism, Pop Art		

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Super-curricular enrichment and scholarly extension	Michaelmas Read: The Miro Foundation informatimeline) https://www.fmirobcn.org/en Watch:	ion on Joan Miro (Including the /joan-miro/ rreal' rt-terms/s/surrealism/unlock- Objects – Collage' rtworks/miro-the-tightrope-	rudents have the best possible learning experiences. The super curricular planable to offer students depend on unpredictable external factors. For exampiled understanding of how exhibition trips and artist visits are used to enhance, be understood as being a 'minimum offer'. Lent Read: Tate Modern – 'David Hockney: 60 Years of Work' https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/david-hockney-1293/60-yearswork Watch: Tate Kids – 'Who is David Hockney?' https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-david-hockney Visit: The National Portrait Gallery, Floor 1, Room 30 - 'Self Portrait with Charlie'.	ays a hugely important part in augmenting our curriculum. However, ole, we often arrange for practicing artists to visit the school. Ince our curriculum, please refer to our trips and visits policy Trinity Read: The 'Photopedagogy' threshold concepts 1-10. https://www.photopedagogy.com/ Watch: 'La Jettee' by Chris Marker https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MNkd0PXNJc Visit: The Photographer's Gallery https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/	
Useful websites	https://www.tate.org.uk/ https://www.npg.org.uk/ https://www.moma.org/				
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