



Westcliff High School for Boys

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

Careers across the curriculum

in ART

Soft Skills Development (these are the skills we are committed to developing in the Careers Department)	
All Years	We develop communication and teamwork by including collaborative projects within our curriculum, where pupils can communicate their ideas and take appropriate decisions when working together. Annotation is used to communicate students' ideas throughout their sketchbooks.
Years 8, 9, Middle School and Sixth Form	We develop time management skills through structured Art projects paced across several lessons that require planning, ideas gathering and experimenting with materials. As they move from research to experimentation to refinement to final outcomes, they learn to judge how much time each process requires.
Year 9, Middle School and Sixth Form	We develop creative thinking by linking projects to contextual sources. We look at meaningful Artwork and connect ideas to issues in society. Students' Artwork must creatively communicate these significant messages.
In Middle School	We develop problem solving by self-assessment, peer assessment and evaluating artwork. Pupils must question whether they have communicated their ideas and realised their intentions, adapting their work as appropriate.
In Sixth Form	We develop networking by involving relevant alumni in both our curricular and extra-curricular opportunities.
Development of Subject Specific Skills which are Relevant to Next Steps / the Workplace	
In Art, students engage in creative problem solving as they learn to analyse Artwork, explore possibilities, test ideas and refine solutions. They learn how to break large tasks into manageable steps, prioritising effectively to meet fixed submission dates; this is an essential skill for any workplace. Students are often asked to research social, political, environmental and emotional issues to contextualise their Artwork; this is vital to create empathy and tolerance in society. In Art, aesthetics is imperative to success and presentation is well considered; this is a vital skill needed to present themselves and their personal branding through their CV, LinkedIn and other social media platforms.	
Extra-curricular Opportunities	
Trip to Gallery	They learn how other Artists communicate their ideas through Art during various time periods. Students learn how an Artist began their journey in the Art world, through study at university and training in Art school. They learn which galleries are prestigious and how artwork is curated and framed. They learn what event artists record, what important messages need to be documented through Art and how this is communicated to the viewer.