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Art & Design at Ellesmere?

The Art and Design department at Ellesmere is committed to offering a stimulating environment for a range of Art practises. In the department we aim to give the pupils the opportunity to be part of a deeply rewarding subject that will hopefully become an interest for life. In the department we believe that creativity is a vital part of education.

What do the courses cover?

There are facilities for painting, drawing, printmaking, textiles and mixed media.

The traditional developments of observational and practical skills are taught in lessons throughout the key stages. The emphasis is definitely on the individual, students are encouraged to find their own voice within a department that allows you to grow as an individual. Skill development, creative thinking and independent learning are integral and pupils develop these through their artwork using a wide range of media processes and methods.

We aim to introduce students to traditional and contemporary artists to give them a broad appreciation of the visual world.

Students have the opportunity to have their work entered for competitions throughout the year. A notable competition that our students have been involved in is held at The Lowry every year. Students also are selected to exhibit their work at the prestigious Chester Arts Fair, which is held every year at the racecourse in Chester.

Students at Ellesmere have gone on to study Art and Design and make a career for themselves within the creative industries. In recent years students have gained places at Glasgow School of Art, Central St. Martin's, London School of Fashion, Chicago School of Art, Parsons School of Visual Arts New York, Parsons School of Art, Paris, and Berlin School of Fashion.

Artsmark Gold

Artsmark is the Arts Council England's flagship programme which celebrates the arts and cultural provision in a school. Ellesmere has been awarded Gold status for our excellent arts provision.

Extract from awarding report; 'You have a determination to deliver very high quality arts education in all the key art subjects, including dance and media technology; you see the arts as central to learning in all subject areas, to raising awareness of other cultures and to the development of the whole person; you nurture artistic talent in all students but equally value excellence and encourage the progression towards professional success in the arts; you value and reward initiative, independent learning and leadership; you have a very talented and motivated staff and a very dynamic programme of development.'

A-Level and International Baccalaureate Art and Design, requires students to develop their ability to show a range of skills such as:

- Independence of mind in developing their own ideas
- An interest and enthusiasm for art and design
- The experience of working with a range of media, including traditional and new media
- An awareness of different roles, functions, audiences and consumers of art and design

GCSE Art and Design provides students with a wide range of creative, exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore their interests in ways that are both personally relevant and developmental in nature. This two unit specification enables students to develop their ability to engage in the processes of Art and Design – to build creative skills through learning and doing, to develop imaginative and intuitive ways of working and to develop an understanding of media, materials and technologies.



Ellesmere College Forward in its Thinking

Ellesmere College is a co-educational school for pupils aged 7-18, set in 144 acres of glorious rural North Shropshire, just half a mile from the historic canal-side town of Ellesmere. Whilst rural in its location, it is a relatively short distance from a number of main-line railway stations and international airports.

The College continues to thrive and grow today due, in no small way, to our focus on the needs and development of each individual student, which means that all pupils can achieve their very best. It is this commitment to the individual that enables the College to welcome pupils with a wide variety of talents and ambitions.



First Class Education

The College regularly enjoys outstanding inspection reports from bodies such as the Independent Schools Inspectorate and OFSTED Child Protection, the most recent of which can be found on the College website. Academic results are excellent. Ellesmere offers the International Baccalaureate Programme alongside A levels in the Sixth Form, and the average score for the International Baccalaureate is usually in a range equivalent to A*, A*, A* at A level. In overall terms, the College's Sixth Form leavers usually average the equivalent in A level grades of A, B, B. Recently, one of our International Baccalaureate Diploma candidates achieved 45 points (the top mark), formally equivalent to 6 ½ A grades at A level, and was one of only 100 candidates in the world to achieve that level. Given that the College continues to require only 5 GCSEs at grade C to enter the Sixth Form, the results are quite exceptional.

A wide range of subjects are on offer at GCSE and A level and, introduced recently, BTEC Sports Level 3 (A-level equivalent).

The Environment

Ellesmere is aware that the Arts is not the only factor when considering joining the College. The academic time table is carefully constructed to allow those pupils with artistic interests to be able to balance studies with practice and rehearsal commitments. There is careful monitoring of academic progress to ensure the pupil is coping with the demands of both academia and their artistic endeavours.

Boarding at Ellesmere

The boarding houses within Ellesmere College are tailored to meet the needs of children from the age of eight upwards. All of the Housemasters and Housemistresses are provided with information on the specific needs of each boarder, and arrangements for occasional boarding assist day pupils involved in College performances.



Scholarships and Financial Assistance

An Arts Scholarship or award is based purely on merit. An award can be worth up to 25% of the fees (boarding or day) and is made on the basis of an assessment of ability. Where appropriate, other skills can also be taken into account and a variety of other scholarships and all-rounder awards are available. As with all candidates for places at the College, we need to be confident when offering places that prospective pupils can thrive academically, so an academic and behavioural reference is an important part of any assessment.

As a general guidance for considering any arts scholarship at the College, a candidate – to be worthy of consideration – will attend an assessment audition and in the case of music have passed the appropriate grade of examination. Further details can be found in the separate Scholarship and Awards booklet.

In exceptional circumstances awards may be supplemented additionally by bursaries.

Bursaries

Bursaries are best regarded as means-tested merit awards below the standard of scholarship level. There are two aspects to the award of a bursary: an assessment of merit, as outlined above, and an assessment of parental financial circumstances.

For further information on awards and bursaries please contact the College Admissions Department.



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