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The Art and Photography curriculum at Barr's Hill School provides students with a wide range of creative, exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore their interests whilst working in a calm environment. Our specialist staff endeavour to support all students develop their artistic ability, regardless of the level of artistic need. Every student is encouraged to explore their creativity and flair, focusing on the formal elements and how they are embedded in all art, design and craft pieces. By expressing their ideas and views confidently through the language of visual art, students develop their understanding across art movements and cultures in the wider world. Artistic achievement is celebrated in the school. In all project areas students will have opportunities to review and evaluate, learning through annotation and allowing for critical commentary and sharing of ideas related to their own work as well as against the work of others.

	Key stage 3 – Units of study					
Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9			
Rotation	Basics of Art – Portraiture	History of Modern Art	Food Art			
1						
	Students are introduced to the formal	Through the use of a range of media	As a natural progression from the			
	elements of art and use a wide range	and materials, students are introduced	curriculum in year 8, students explore			
	of materials to broaden their	to the history of modern art. As they	post-modern art, craft and design			
	understanding of art, craft and design.	investigate the historical links and	including photography. Focusing on			
	They will build skills in shading and line	processes of Cubism, Orphism,	illustrators and photo realist artists,			
	drawing, learning how to use correct	Abstract Expressionism, Surrealism	skills are refined whilst revisiting			
	facial proportions. These skills are	and Optical Art they are broadening	formal elements and the importance			
	taught through the study of portraits.	their knowledge of the historical art	of key concepts. Evolving the analysis			
	Students continue the theme of	world and are able to express ideas	and evaluation, students can identify			
	Portraits and explore tonal painting to	and views confidently alongside	with careers within the post-modern			
	produce their final outcome of a	creatively developing and refining	art world and the everyday.			
	perspective portrait.	practical skills.				
Rotation	Day of the Dead	Pop Art	Flora & Fauna			
2	Day of the Dead	T OP AIL	riora & radiia			
_	The formal elements are revisited and	Exploring the art movement of Pop	Focusing on observation skills and			
	further developed with the	Art, students develop a historical	media exploration via an influence of			
	introduction of colour theory through	understanding of the Second World	illustrators and artists, skills are			
	the theme of the cultural celebration:	War and its influences on the art, craft	refined whilst revisiting formal			
	Day of the Dead. Students explore	and design world as well as	elements and the importance of key			
	colour theory and communicating	consumerism, packaging and	concepts. Evolving the analysis of			
	emotion through colour. This project	advertising. Opportunities are	illustrators, artists, sculptors and			
	intends to develop skills in the areas of	provided for students to develop skills	photographers, students can develop			
	observational drawing skills, media	in printmaking, digital editing	ideas to lead towards a personal			
	techniques, analysis and evaluation	cumulating in sculpture.	response.			
	whilst exploring the use of tone,					
	colour, texture, shape, form, pattern,					
	line & space.					

	Key stage 4 – Units of study AQA GCSE Art and Design- 8201 & 8206				
Term	Year 10	Year 11			
1	Close Up — Coursework requirements, sketchbook expectations, basics skills and knowledge in Close Up Art and Photography.	Portraiture - Coursework requirements, sketchbook expectations, basics skills and knowledge in Portraiture Art and Photography			
2	Close Up — Mixed Media exploration and experimentation responding to contextual references	Portraiture - Mixed Media exploration and experimentation responding to contextual references.			
3	Close Up — Mixed Media exploration and experimentation responding to contextual references	ESA (External Set Assignment) Investigation on chosen question			
4	Close Up – Mixed Media exploration and experimentation responding to contextual references	ESA (External Set Assignment) Investigation on chosen question			
5	Close Up – final personal investigation and response	10hr ESA Personal response			
6	Portraiture - Coursework requirements, sketchbook expectations, basics skills and knowledge in Portraiture Art and Photography.				

Year 7 Unit	Additional Learning
Formal Elements - Portraiture	https://www.turton.uk.com/wp- content/uploads/sites/2/2021/09/Intro-to-Drawing-Formal- Elements-Yr7.pdf
Day of the Dead	https://artsandculture.google.com/project/dia-de-muertos

Year 8 Unit	Additional Learning
History of Modern Art	https://www.moma.org/learn/moma_learning/themes/what-is- modern-art/
Pop Art	https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/p/pop-art

Year 9 Unit	Additional Learning
Food Art	https://theartteacher.net/category/art-themes/artists-inspired- by-food/
Flora & Fauna	https://www.accessart.org.uk/talking-points-artist-inspired-by- flora-and-fauna/

Year 10 & 11 Units	Additional Learning
Close Up	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjymp9q
	https://artincontext.org/elements-of-art/
	https://theartyteacher.com/artists-who-create-close-ups/
Portraiture	https://therp.co.uk/artists/
	https://artfilemagazine.com/modern-portrait-painters/
ESA	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design