

Art and Technology

In the Art and Technology Faculty our mission is to prepare our students for the world beyond education. We select courses which offer the foundation of skills, knowledge and experiences to act as a gateway to a wide range of careers and job opportunities both locally and nationally

Students can select a highly creative pathway through a wide range of personalised courses in Art and Photography; complete practical courses which give real life skills like Hospitality and Catering, Automotive Study and Construction which will lead to a wide range of local jobs or, our students can choose to take pathways in Design Technology and Engineering which link to other stem subjects in Maths and Science. All of our students use our excellent facilities which include computer suites, jeweller's benches, specialist wood and metal workshops, dark room, mechanics garage, catering standard kitchen and industry standard programmes in digital photography and computer generated drawing and rendering. We also pride ourselves on using industry standard computer aided manufacturing equipment designed to inspire and incentivise.

Most of our subjects can be taken to Level 3 at TCS and can then be extended at University or through Apprenticeships:

The curriculum is planned to teach the skills, knowledge and qualifications needed for entry to modern apprenticeships, University courses and the workplace. From here we plan in reverse by selecting the linking courses at Key Stage 5 and 4 and then provide the skills base at Key stage3. We then look to enrich and personalise the curriculum to provide culturally rich learning experiences that will inspire the students and promote the pride, resilience and reflectiveness taught throughout the school. We differentiate our teaching for those students that want a hands on approach as well as those who wish to explore their creative ideas through more technical mediums like digital photography and computer manipulation to 3d computer modelling, simulation, laser cutting and 3D printing

Our students become confident and self-motivated individuals with the tool kit to think creatively, problem solve and be able to manipulate the world around them. Students that can run with an idea and have the skills to plan through its formulation and the resilience to complete an extended project through once started. Students who can work with pride, skill and care and who have the capability to work in a variety of creative and technological mediums. Students who are brave and unafraid to try something new.

Both Technology and Art are gateway subjects that open the door to a wide range of careers in the creative and engineering sectors as well as opening up a whole host of local work opportunities in the hospitality and catering, construction and motor vehicle industry.