



Creative Arts



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Headmaster's Introduction

The Creative Arts are a crucial and impressive part of an RGS Worcester education and the pupils are constantly challenged to think creatively and perform at a high level. Through the Creative Arts, our pupils develop their awareness and understanding of culture while also developing skills and confidence.

In Music, we certainly provide opportunities to perform in large concerts in prestigious venues with our numerous choirs, ensembles, and the orchestra. At the same time, we have Big Band concerts, the extremely popular 'Cabaret' annual event and many other less formal opportunities for all pupils to perform. Pupils from RGS have gone on to achieve Scholarships at Music Colleges and develop careers in both classical and modern music.

Similarly, in Drama, our plays and musicals always push the boundaries. Examples include our Senior pupils performing 'Romeo and Juliet' on a beach, and our Juniors delivering 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in the open air at an English Heritage site. The breadth of provision is superb and pupils develop confidence and excitement in their Drama at RGS.

The Artwork at the School is stunning and pupils' work is displayed all around the School and even in local galleries or in exhibitions in venues such as Worcester Cathedral. There are numerous Art projects including the 'Big Draw' which involved over 1000 pupils from the three RGS schools and local primary schools, as well as outdoor Art and sculpture.

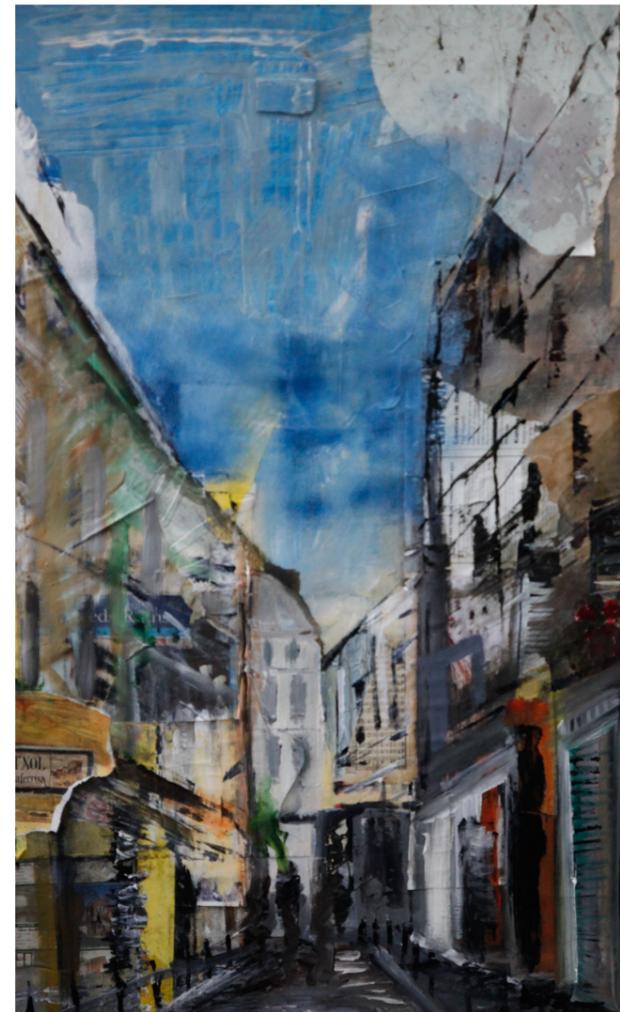
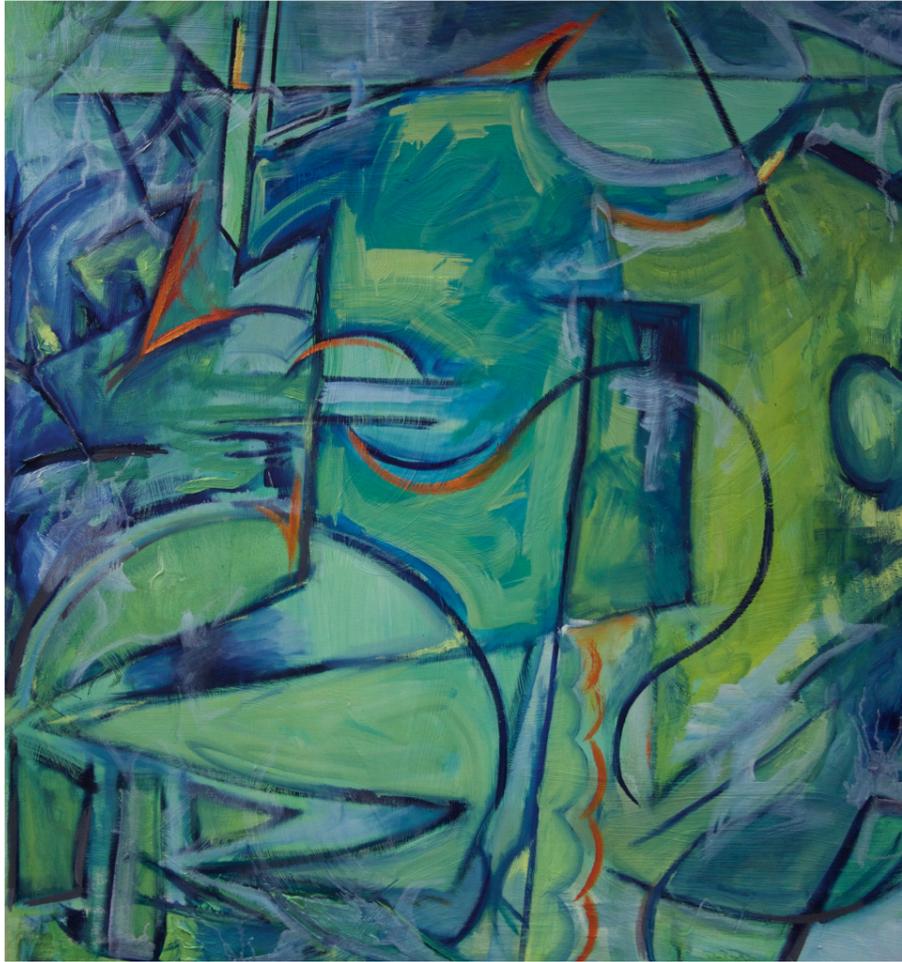
In Design and Technology, the pupils are challenged to design and innovate. They have opportunities to develop their understanding through industry visits and compete for national awards such as Arkwright Scholarships. RGS Worcester has a record of more of these scholarships than any other school in the Midlands. Pupils can also extend their knowledge in practical scenarios through Greenpower racing and the Land Rover 4 x 4 Challenge, both competitions in which RGS has participated in the World Finals.

The Textiles department is a calm and well-resourced space where pupils develop their skills and produce work of the highest quality. RGS Worcester is the Midlands Centre for Young Fashion Designer UK and our pupils win awards annually.

The pupils are constantly being encouraged to think creatively and have new experiences, developed by inspirational teachers and visiting speakers, artists and performers. The new Performing Arts Centre provides a focal point for the Creative Arts in the School and we seize every opportunity to create new and exciting challenges in the Arts for the pupils at RGS Worcester.

John Pitt
Headmaster





Art

In the RGS Art Department, we are committed to the creative individual and pride ourselves on our tailor-made, individualised Art provision. Painting and Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture, Photography and our own integrated IT areas for digital work are all part of our Fine Art curriculum. Our department's studios are specifically arranged to suit each individual year group and our courses bring pupils of all ages and abilities on at their own pace.

The provision for Sixth Form students is something quite special. Sixth Formers have their own dedicated studio spaces, access to the Art History Library, facilities for intaglio and silkscreen painting and dedicated exhibition spaces. We adopt a university-style tutorial practice, with regular 'crits' through which we will help you develop and display your own voice.

Art is something to be learned but also lived. That is why we offer a range of trips and visits to London, Berlin, Amsterdam, St Ives, Liverpool and so many more. We are constantly looking for ways to take art into the community, including taking part in community art projects, displaying in Worcester Cathedral and at Perdiswell Pool. We are also lucky to have close links with The Bevere Gallery, who sponsor our annual Arts Awards.

We are proud that so many of our artists go to Russell Group Universities and pursue paths in Architecture, Fine Art, History of Art, Fashion and Interior Design or other Art related subjects in their future pathways.

Art Scholarships are available at 11+, 13+ and 16+ for the Sixth Form.



Design and Technology

It has been said that 'design literally changes the world'. We are constantly changing our environments, interactions and technology to make life more efficient, easier, better and more beautiful through design. Here at RGS Worcester, the Design and Technology department holds this principle dear and practicality and creativity go firmly hand in hand to help solve the problems of the future.

Design and Technology is a practical subject and we are rooted in the real world with our strong local connections with companies such as Worcester Bosch, Yamazaki Mazak, Morgan Motors and Jaguar Land Rover.

We enter and run a vibrant Greenpower Racing team, introducing pupils to the world of racing and sustainable energy. In recent years, we have run two cars in this competition and competed at international level. We have had incredible success in the Land Rover 4X4 Challenge competition and have represented Great Britain at the World Finals for the last two years. Year Eleven and Upper Sixth students often enter their work in the Technology, Design and Innovation Challenge and we are proud to have had students make it into the top six in the country.

We have a strong history of our pupils being awarded prestigious Arkwright Scholarships and hold the highest number of these national Awards in the Midlands. Our pupils regularly seek careers in all engineering disciplines including product design, furniture and car design, production engineering and architecture both at University and in high-level Apprenticeships.

Design and Technology Scholarships are offered at 13+ and 16+ for the Sixth Form.





Drama

With an exciting new Performing Arts Centre, the Drama provision at RGS Worcester is second-to-none. We offer a major production every term together with a number of other opportunities to perform.

The Michaelmas Term sees our senior pupils perform a famous musical such as *Spamalot*, *FAME* or *West Side Story*. The Lent Term culminates in the DIY Theatre Company's production with past performances including *Ash Girl*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Liverpool Story*. The Trinity Term sees the turn of the younger pupils to tread the boards and these productions have included *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Animal Farm* and *Alice's Adventures Through Grammarland*.

Our co-curricular productions run alongside our examination groups who have their own opportunities to perform to audiences at our examination evenings. We have a strong pedigree of helping pupils achieve places at acting schools such as RADA, LAMDA and the Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance.

Opportunities to perform, direct, budget and stage-manage are complemented by our extensive offering of trips and visits. Recent visits have been to the Minack Theatre, the RSC, The Cheltenham Everyman Theatre, The Warwick Arts Centre and residential Drama trips to London and New York.

All Drama Scholars are automatically enrolled in the DIY Theatre Company where pupils act, direct and learn first-hand about technical and staging aspects of putting on a production.

The Drama Department also runs the Film-makers club which has its own red carpet Film Festival every summer.

RGS Drama does things a little differently, challenging the pupils to perform in many different venues, including in the open air at the English Heritage site, Witley Court, or outside in our extensive grounds.

We offer Drama Scholarships at 11+, 13+ and 16+ for the Sixth Form.





Music

Music is not just a department here at RGS, it provides the soundtrack and the heartbeat of our school year. The Michaelmas Term hosts the Big Band Concert, the School Concert and the Carol Concert. The Lent Term offers the Senior Piano Concert, the Choral Concert and Cabaret Evening and the Trinity Term welcomes, Jazz on the Lawn, the Commemoration Service and participation in the Creative Arts Evening.

Year group concerts, our large Junior and Senior Choirs and a visiting team of 15 Music Teachers ensure that there are opportunities for everyone. Our offering for talented musicians is no less impressive. The Choral Concert provides pupils with the opportunity to perform mainstream choral repertoire with a full orchestra and the chance for selected senior pupils to perform a concerto movement. The Chamber Choir provides special opportunities to sing at Oxford and even St Paul's Cathedral and the Senior Piano Concert involves our most talented pianists playing alongside a professional pianist. There are twelve different ensembles for our musicians to choose from and regular rehearsals for all other groups.

We are proud of our Academic Music results and even prouder of the opportunities we offer our students. Pupils perform in front of significant audiences in spell-binding settings. From Jazz to Choral, from Evensong to Coldplay, from classical Piano to Gershwin's 'Porgy and Bess' there really is something for everyone who is musically-minded, here at RGS.

We offer Music Scholarships at 11+, 13+ and at 16+ for the Sixth Form with opportunities to learn extra instruments, mentoring and even the chance to lead and conduct.



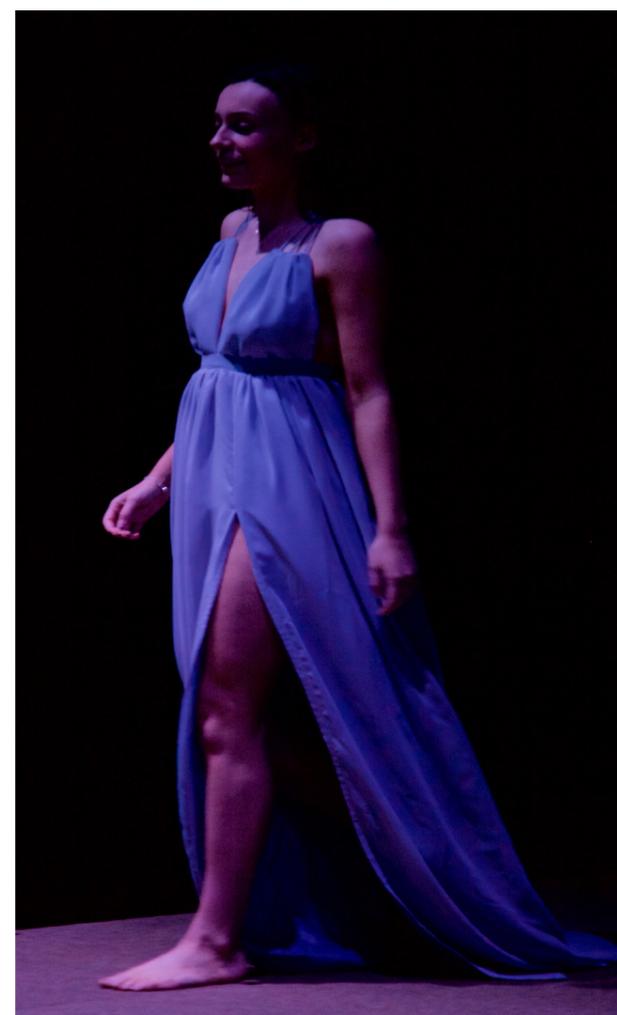
Textiles

The Textiles Department is always buzzing with the sound of sewing machines and the creative ideas of our pupils. We have a substantial, dedicated space for them to learn about Product Design, Interior Design, Fashion and Surface Pattern.

Our pupils are encouraged to create jackets, bags, and other fashion items in the Lower and Middle Schools and then extend their knowledge to create extensive portfolios of themed work for GCSE and A Level. They experience a wide range of trips including work experience days at Harrods, behind the scenes tours of Savile Row and visits to Graduate Fashion Week.

We are proud to be the regional host of the Young Fashion Designer UK Award and four of our pupils have gained recognition for their work by industry judges in the last four years. All of our pupils have the chance to exhibit their work at the annual Fashion Show and we are very proud that they regularly go on to specialist Universities to study Fashion, Retail and Textiles.

Textiles Scholarships are offered at 13+ and 16+ for the Sixth Form.



Our Creative Culture



As well as our departments in the Creative Arts, there are so many other ways to channel your creativity at RGS Worcester. We promote a creative culture in so many aspects of school life.

House Art has included interpreting *Gericault's Raft of the Medusa* and working in partnership with the Arts Council of Great Britain, through Meadow Arts, to create an RGS mandala (pictured), in collaboration with land artist Kate Raggett. House Drama is run by our pupils on themes that have included Shakespeare and Fairy Tales in recent years. House Creative Writing consistently produces some beautiful pieces on themes such as 'Footsteps in the snow' and 'A perfect day'. Then there is, of course, the hotly anticipated annual House Dance Competition!

Our clubs and societies continue the opportunities with Lower School pupils designing and creating a show garden for the RHS Malvern Spring Festival and winning a First Prize Award for their efforts. Book Clubs run in the Lower and Middle School and the Literary Society takes the magic of literature one stage further for our Sixth Form pupils. The Billingham Society offers a range of talks including 'Introducing Dickens', 'Techno-textiles', 'Inspiration' and 'Who was Alice? (in Wonderland)'. Sixth Form students are encouraged to complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and these academic research projects have included a critical study of Picasso's paintings, an examination in the relevance of Shakespeare to young people and Alexander McQueen's influence on fashion.

With our award-winning Careers provision, RGS Worcester can ensure that whatever your creative interests and aptitudes are, your future will be well looked after and supported in pursuing your dream in the Creative Arts.



Scholarship Information

Scholarships for Art, Design and Technology, Music and Textiles are available. Further information relating to any of our Scholarship opportunities is available from the Registrar, Mrs Catherine Bates, by emailing admissions@rgsw.org.uk or at our Open Mornings. Please do come and visit us to see our Creative Arts in action in specialist departmental areas during a tour of the School. Our Forthcoming Events leaflet lists all of our Creative Arts events, to which you are warmly invited.



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