

Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

The Creative and Performing Arts Faculty consists of four popular and vibrant subject areas – art, design technology, drama and music. The faculty is central to the cultural life of the school, and is well known for successful exhibitions, concerts and drama performances. Academic results are strong, where results at GCSE level are usually well above national averages. This picture of success is repeated at post-16, with subjects regularly achieving ALPS scores of 2 and 3.

The music department holds regular concerts and lunchtime recitals. The drama department organise productions, with the wider faculty team working together to bring the stage to life. Various visits to galleries, theatres and concerts, both within the UK and abroad are enjoyed by Denefield students and staff alike. In 2024 Denefield students studying creative subjects visited Florence in Italy, in 2025 we visited Rome, and in 2026 we will be visiting Venice.

Accommodation comprises of four refurbished specialist art rooms, a textiles room, a graphic design room equipped with computers, two well equipped product design workshops, a laser cutting room with 3-D printer, a photographic darkroom, a further computer room for A Level photography, two music classrooms, five music practice rooms, a digital recording studio, two drama studios and a dance studio with sprung floor. Staff and students have regular access to a number of computer suites, which are equipped with software for music, Photoshop for art and photography, and 2-D Design, On Shape, and Fusion 360 for design technology.

The faculty meets, and works, as a team and sets high standards for creative teaching and learning. We are ambitious for our students in terms of both behaviour and academic achievement. We view ourselves as a forward thinking team who keep up to date with new developments in the delivery of our subject areas. Emphasis is also placed on professional development by ensuring staff have opportunities to access suitable training.

Examination title	Qualification	Board
Fine Art	GCSE	AQA
Fine Art	A Level	AQA
Photography	A Level	AQA
Textile Design	A Level	AQA
Design & Technology	GCSE	AQA
Hospitality and catering	Level 2	Edugas
Design & Technology: Product Design	A Level	AQA
Drama	GCSE	OCR
Drama & Theatre	A Level	OCR
Music	GCSE	AQA
Music Technology	A Level	AQA