



Arts Specialism

Ethos Statement

Ricards Lodge is recognised as centre of excellence for the Arts. As a Specialist school we aim to deliver a broad and balanced education to all students. Our vision is to use the learning and thinking strategies such as collaboration, planning, investigation and evaluation which are used regularly in the Creative Arts to improve teaching and learning across the curriculum. Creativity and creative learning have an impact on the pedagogy of the whole school. The opportunity for risk taking in the Arts helps to increase self-confidence, self-esteem and attitudes to learning amongst our students.

Ricards Lodge is proud of its values, its students, staff and families. We strive to encourage all our students to be effective independent learners whose success is promoted by their work ethic and commitment to the school and local community.

Students at Ricards Lodge have an entitlement to an hour a week of Art, Dance, Drama and Music at Key stage 3, taught by highly qualified specialist teachers in state of the art teaching spaces.

We offer an increasing number of Arts courses at key Stage 4 which include; BTEC Performing Arts, BTEC Performing Arts Production, GCSE Drama, BTEC Dance, BTEC Music and GCSE Music, GCSE Art, BTEC Art and Design, GCSE Art Textiles, GCSE Product Design, GCSE Media and BTEC Media. At Key stage 5 we offer students A level Art, Photography and Drama and Theatre Studies, Product Design as well as BTEC level 3 Performing Arts and Music.

All students have access to a wide range of extra curricular activities in all subjects; both within the school environment and with a range of local and national partnership organisations such as The National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, Royal Academy of Dance, Royal Ballet School, Wimbledon Civic Theatre Trust, Shakespeare Schools Festival, BBC, Polka Theatre, Kings College School and Wimbledon College of Arts.

