

FURTHER INFORMATION HEAD OF ART AND DESIGN FULL TIME OR SUBSTANTIAL PART TIME - PERMANENT

Students:

Art is a popular field of study at Esher Sixth Form College. Currently, there are over a hundred students studying Fine Art A Level, and over seventy on the Art and Design BTEC courses that we offer. Results are very good, reflecting the ambitious and forward-looking approach of the department.

Staff:

The Art and Design Department at Esher offers both BTEC Art and Design and Fine Art A Level and operates with a collaborative ethos: recognising the value in the sharing of good practice, professional skills, and ideas. The current departmental team consists of the Head of Department and 4 part time teachers. All are experienced, specialist teachers of Art and Design, with some having more of a design background, others more of a fine art focus, and some with both.

The teachers are supported by one full time and one part time technician, who are also practitioners and are integral to the team.

Courses and Exam Board:

The department teaches the OCR for A level Fine Art and Pearson/ EdExcel BTECs – Diploma and Extended Certificate.

They also run a CAP (Creative Arts Portfolio) extension course in the second year of study, which is a portfolio building course, supporting those students wishing to take an arts-based subject at higher education level.

Department/Facilities:

Teaching for both BTEC Art and Design and Fine Art A Level takes place in bespoke and well equipped, spacious classrooms. Students benefit from technician support with laser cutting, printmaking and other techniques, and have access to a workshop shared with 3D and Graphic Communications, as well as a small dark room. All students have access to extensive IT facilities across the college including Adobe Creative Cloud – Illustrator, In-Design, Photoshop etc. Teaching materials are shared digitally on the department portal sites.

Enrichment is fundamental to our teaching and learning practice at Esher. The department organise regular workshops, trips and visits including to the many London galleries and museums. For example, the BTEC students have worked particularly closely with the Victoria and Albert Museum and have recently visited Roche Court Education Centre, as part of the prep for the 'Critical and Contextual Studies' unit. The Fine Art students have most recently been to the Lynette Yiadom-Boakyefly exhibition at the Tate Britain, and the Cezanne exhibition at the Tate Modern. The team also organise workshops to enhance students' inspiration and outcomes. For example, last year we held a very successful life drawing workshop with The Royal Academy, and we have architecture and acrylic workshops planned for our Wider Skills Week in July.

The Art and Design Department is part of the dynamic Creative Arts and Recreation Division. It works closely with courses in 3D Design, Graphic Communication, Fashion and Textiles, Photography, Media, Film, Drama, Music and Performance, enabling students to access a broad portfolio of creative subjects, as well as working together on standardisation. In the summer term, the Arts suite of subjects put on an exhibition of students' work, which is used to celebrate student achievement, and forms part of our marketing to potential applicants.

We would welcome applications from candidates looking for a full time post or a minimum of 4 days a week. Please indicate in your application if you would like to be considered for the part time (4 days a week) role and this will be discussed at interview.

Salary: Salary will be £49,078 to £51,407 per annum inclusive of fringe area allowance,

depending on experience.

Applications: Completed application forms should be returned to:

The HR Manager

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Email: jobs@esher.ac.uk

Closing Date: 9am Wednesday 8th March 2023

Interviews: w/b 13th March 2023