



Cape Cornwall School Creative Arts Department



Cape Cornwall School is an 11-16 school situated in a beautiful and unique location in the west of Cornwall and only ten minutes or so from the busy and vibrant town of Penzance with its rail and transport links. We have around 250 students on roll and this is increasing year on year. All staff work very closely together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. We have a caring and inclusive ethos and can personalise learning to ensure all students can fulfil their potential.

It has been a significant time of growth and improvement at Cape Cornwall School: our Ofsted inspection in January 2023 judged us to be a 'Good' school across all elements of the inspection framework, fabulous recognition for the improvements in the school over the last few years. Inspectors described Cape Cornwall School as having 'a warm, friendly community where everyone feels valued'. They praised the strength of the curriculum and the relationships between staff and students. The rapid development of the school has meant higher student numbers for September 2023 and we are responding to this growth by building further capacity in the school.

The successful applicant would also be joining us for the next phase of our 'Digital Transformation'. In the Autumn Term of 2022, all teachers and students were given iPads to support learning and progress. All our teachers are currently working towards becoming 'Apple Teachers' or have already qualified and it is our long-term ambition to become an 'Apple Distinguished School'. All of our staff receive comprehensive ongoing training including access to the 'National College' CPD platform, in-house training and training across the five secondary schools that form part of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust.

Our thriving Creative Arts Faculty is made up of Art, Design and Technology, Drama, Food Technology and Nutrition and Music. The Faculty is based across a suite of well-resourced rooms and are geographically close to each other.

The Food Technology room is well-equipped with a range of equipment, within individual stations and centrally, including a range of hand tools & a wide variety of powered appliances. There is a separate preparation/technician room situated alongside the food room, as well as a separate storage area.

The Design Technology department is set within a large and well-equipped area, including a teaching classroom containing a number of departmental PCs and two spacious workshops. Each workshop is equipped with a variety of tools and equipment, one having been set up primarily for woodwork and the other for metal work and plastics, which also contains a Spirit laser cutter. There is also a separate staff workshop and separate office space for both teacher and technician.

Both food technology and nutrition and design and technology are supported by qualified specialist technicians working within the departments. General responsibilities include: establishing the organisation and inventory of materials, equipment and consumables and advising and assisting students during lessons where appropriate.

Both subjects are popular with students and have a strong focus on the practical elements of the subjects. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been a concentrated effort to build practical skills and engagement with a range of projects designed to inspire our students.

The curriculum in both subjects has been carefully sequenced using 'Repeat Concepts' to structure learning and to ensure a confident grasp of the subject.

You can read more about the subjects on our website www.cape.cornwall.sch.uk and see the journey that students make through the curriculum. Both subjects follow the AQA specification at GCSE.

We are seeking to appoint a teacher with energy, passion for their subject and enthusiasm who can bring an innovative and fresh approach to the delivery of the design technology curriculum at Cape Cornwall School and who can inspire our students during their time with us and beyond.

For more information about the Creative Arts Faculty at Cape Cornwall School, please contact Mr Jon Hall, Headteacher at jhall@cape.tpacademytrust.org

The small school that empowers students to achieve big things.