

Art & Design

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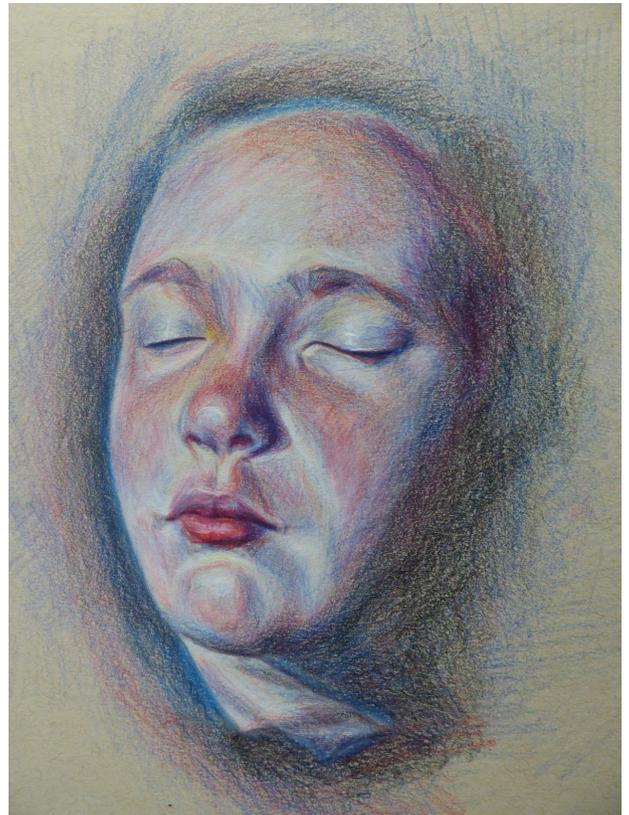
Staffing

It's been a whirlwind of activity in the Department. Three new teachers joined us at the start of Term, bringing our staffing numbers to five.

Mr Chris Moss is a practicing artist specialising in printmaking, photography, iconography and egg tempera painting. Prior to joining our team at Glenalmond, Mr Moss taught in the Yorkshire Dales and Ripon for 28 Years.

Mr Angus McLean has been lured from retirement as Head of Art and Design at Dollar Academy, to join us this year. When not at Glenalmond, Mr McLean works with the SQA as Chief Moderator for Advanced Higher Art & Design.

Mr Henry Meldrum is tutoring life drawing with our Upper Sixth on a Wednesday night. Mr Meldrum is a teacher of Art and Design and studied Drawing and Painting at Edinburgh School of Art.



Colour pencil study by Tom J Upper Sixth

Broadening of the Curriculum

The Department has introduced Photography within the Art and Design A Level curriculum and we will be looking to implement this into the GCSE curriculum in due course.

We are in negotiations to acquire a large printing press. This will enable us to develop lino and woodcuts and intaglio and plate printing for all year groups.

Art and Design Scholars and Exhibitioners are invited to take part in a new program of learning, designed to enhance their experience within the Department. This will include life drawing (draped), trips, competitions and access to visiting artists. Scholars and Exhibitioners will be encouraged to take part in a stand-alone exhibition of their work.

Our Fourth and Lower Sixth Forms are presently undertaking a curriculum of experiences and skills for the first two terms of their course. In the third term, they will be encouraged to review their work and select an area of focus to build on for their GCSE and A Level certificates. This gives candidates a more timely three terms to create their folio submissions.

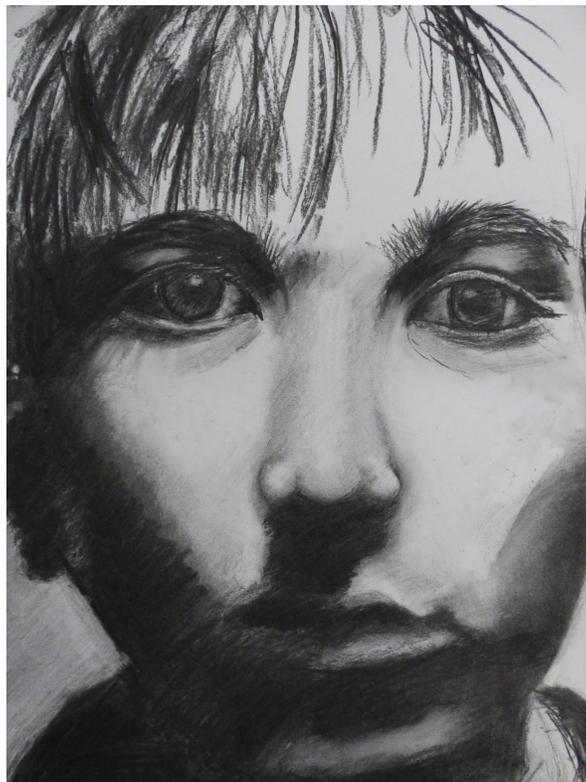
Mr McLean is running twilight portfolio preparation classes in the Department on a Monday night to assist our Art School candidates.

Due to high demand, life drawing now takes place twice a week, Lower Sixth, Exhibitioners and Scholars will be tutored by Mr Moss on Tuesday night 7.30 - 9pm and Upper Sixth will be tutored by Mr Meldrum on Wednesday nights from 7 - 9pm.

Other News

Mrs Moray Parker and Mrs Dixon have invited us to help co-produce a gallery catalogue based on an exhibition of pupils and practitioner work that was held at Richard Demarco's gallery in Summerhall Edinburgh. This is a prestigious opportunity for the Department and we would like to thank Mrs Moray Parker and Mrs Dixon for their hard work.

We have secured the services of a visiting examiner to the Department in November to provide up to the minute OCR exam training to all Art and Design Staff ensuring our certificate pupils are given the most accurate and relevant information.



Self portrait by Sacha M Lower Sixth