



# ART AT ST. ELPHIN'S

MAY 1989.



'ART and DESIGN' and 'CRAFT' at ST. ELPHIN'S

There are two well equipped, purpose built Art and Craft rooms, for both two dimensional, and three dimensional work; including Drawing and Painting, Graphics, Sculpture, Pottery and Textiles, (taken to varying levels). Two members of staff teach in the department.

The Time-Table includes lessons for all the Junior forms; and in the Senior School as follows:-

1st and 2nd Year Pupils: one double lesson per week.

3rd Year Pupils: one double lesson per week for one and a half terms, at present.

4th and 5th Years: optional G.C.S.E. 2 year course - M.E.G. Board - involving:-

- (i) An exhibition of each candidate's coursework in the final term (marked out of 60%)
- (ii) and a final examination near the beginning of the final term (10 hours allowed) - marked out of 40%.

6th Form:

- (i) The 'A' level 2 year course with about 8 periods a week. London Board examination. There is, at present, no coursework involved in the final examination for which a total of 18 hours is allowed.

Art 'A' level is now often accepted as one of the three subjects for entry requirements to University and, in a good number of instances, for any of the courses offered.

Painting and Drawing or Sculpture are studied, and Lettering and Calligraphy, or a written paper may be studied as subsidiary papers.

A number of girls have gone on to Art School courses from St. Elphin's, and made Art and Design their careers. From time to time we hear of ex-pupils' successes.

- (ii) There is, also an optional general Art/Craft lesson for one afternoon (i.e. 3 periods) a week.

Exhibitions of pupils' work are continually displayed throughout the year. Work is also done by girls for School and House Drama and Music events, including costumes, props and programmes.

Craftwork is made & sold, by the girls for the School Bazaar, and posters and banners are also made for it.

Visits are made to Art Exhibitions in various towns. Videos, slides, filmstrips and books are made use of in lessons, for methods, theory or history of Art and Design and Craft, where possible.

The Art rooms are available to girls at certain times, out of lesson hours, for pupils who wish to do extra Art and Craft work, preparatory work for examinations, "Young Enterprise", and for making props and programmes for House competitions.

Girls who are following the examination courses are encouraged to have their own paints, and to draw and paint in and from their own environment as much as possible, whether at home, or within and around the School, in their free time. The use of sketch books is a vital 'back-up' to work done in the studio.

There is an Art club after School once a week, for any interested girls, so far, during the two 'winter' terms.

Two other recent, extra events, were a "Paint-In" for the younger senior School boarders one Saturday morning, and a Lower Fifth (G.C.S.E.) visit to sketch at the Cattus Nursery after School.

Demonstrations and visits from outside artists or craftsmen take place from time to time.