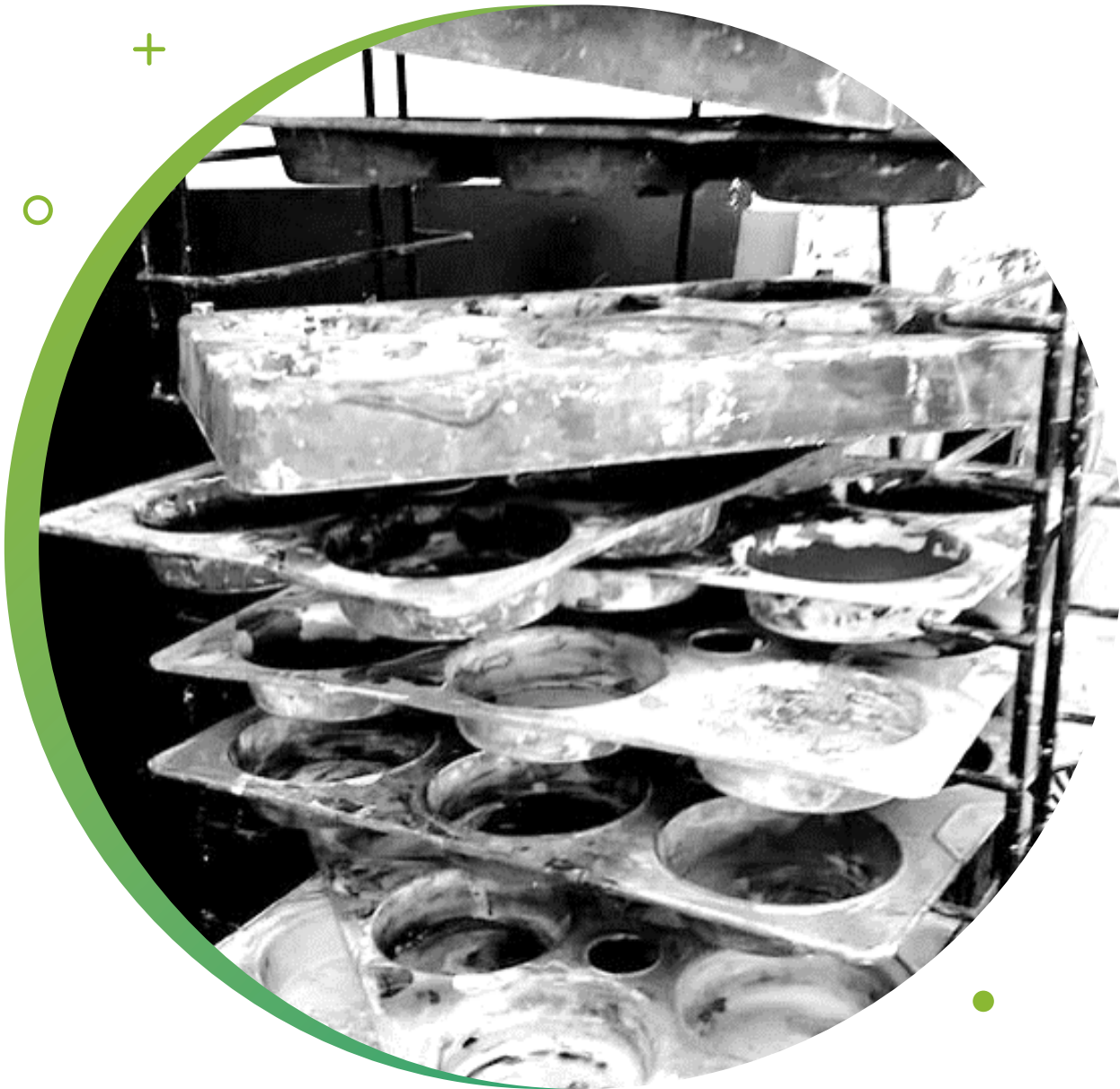


FACULTY OF ARTS & CREATIVITY



**Expressive Arts:
Art & Design, Music
& Drama**



Art & Design

Our department is on the
first floor of the main
building

We have 3 Art & Design
teachers to introduce

Mrs Murray

Mrs Murray is one of the Art & Design team, and also the **Principal Teacher** of the Faculty, which means she is in charge of running the Art & Design, Music and Drama departments

Her interests are in fashion illustration and children's book illustration. In the school she is also very much involved in charities, the House system and social media content



Mrs Adair

Mrs Adair is the longest-standing member of the Art & Design team, and possibly taught your parents! She is also a tutor (register teacher)

Her interests are in painting and graphic design. Other things she is involved in currently at Dumfries Academy include our LGBT Charter and promoting creativity across the curriculum



Ms Cooper

Miss Cooper is the third member of the Art & Design team. She started in August 2020.

Her background is in digital art and also fashion, and she is looking forward to meeting everyone in August





Music

Our Music department is located through the Assembly Hall, and has classrooms as well as practice rooms

We have 2 teachers to introduce

Mrs Barbour

Mrs Barbour is the longest-standing member of the Music team, and also of the Faculty. She possibly taught your parents too! This year she will be teaching one day a week

She plays several instruments and is a pianist with interests in jazz and classical. In addition to teaching she provides or arranges music for many school shows and performances and coaches pupils for competitions



Ms Quither

Miss Quither is the second member of the Music team. She started at Dumfries Academy in August 2020.

She also plays several instruments, especially clarinet and drums

There are instrumental tutors too, who you will meet in due course if you play an instrument

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Drama

We have 2 acting studios,
one on the ground floor and
one in the basement, plus
dressing rooms and the stage

We have 2 teachers to
introduce

Mrs Miller

Mrs Miller is a Drama teacher with expertise in dance, stage effects and projections. She is also a tutor

She directs and stage-manages school shows and performances. Coming from America, she has also taught cheerleading




Miss Torrance


Miss Torrance is a Drama teacher, and also a tutor. Her specialist areas are dance and Scottish theatre

In school she directs and stage-manages school shows and performances, and runs an after-school dance club





What to expect in S1 courses




This year may continue to be different from usual, and the lessons will be delivered in different ways.

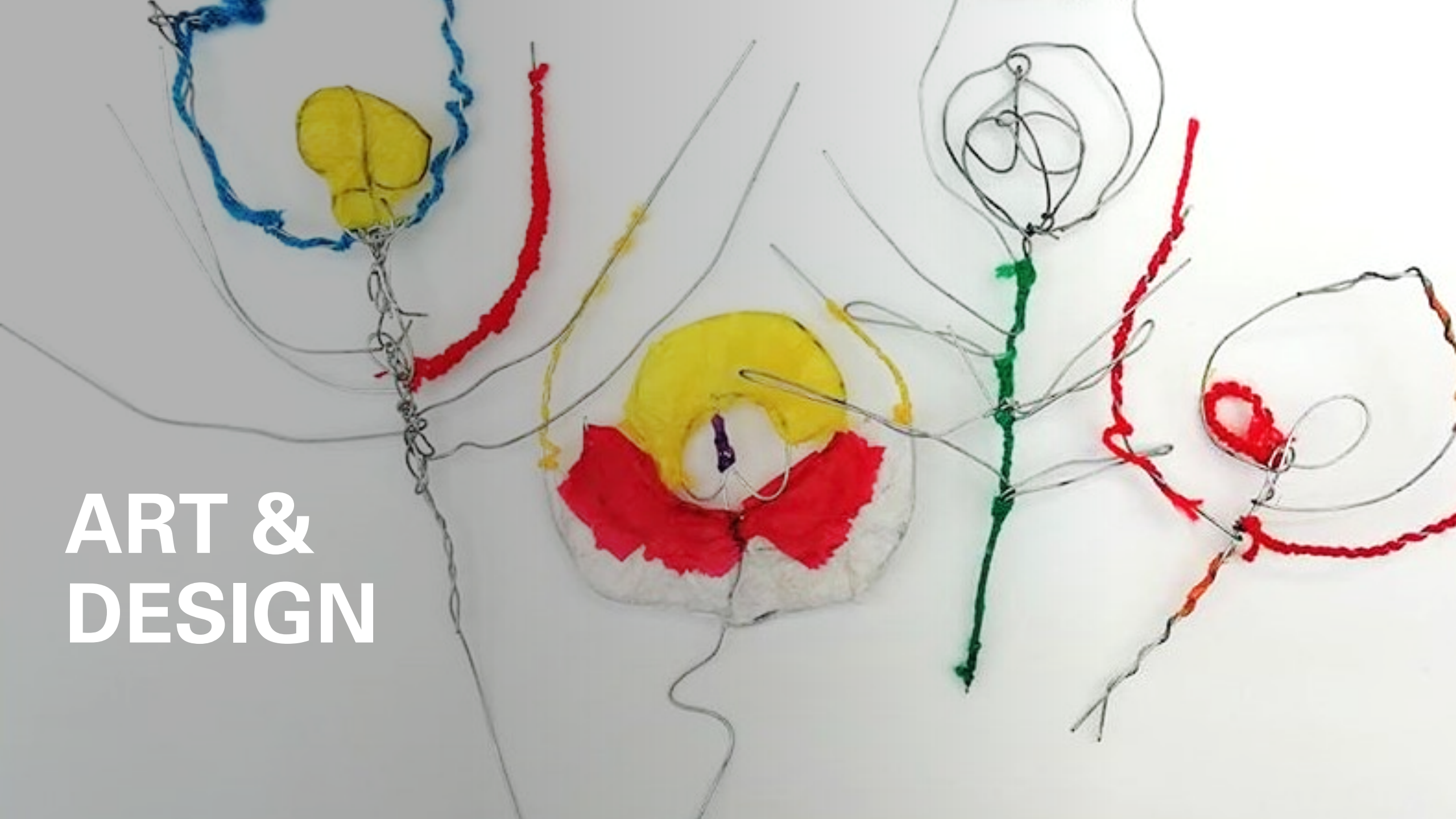
We will do everything we can to make sure you all feel safe, included and supported so you can make good progress

Ours are **practical subjects**. This means there is a lot of individual teaching and learning which happens as you **do** things – like painting, playing an instrument or acting

We will teach you lots of new skills and give you opportunities for new experiences



ART & DESIGN





The Art & Design course normally covers a range of skills, techniques and abilities

- Expressive Art (observational drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking; using a variety of materials)
- Design (including 3D, textiles, graphic design incorporating use of computers; following the design process)
- Critical Thinking (talking/writing about your work and the work of others; learning to analyse and evaluate)



Our courses are created to give pupils confidence, problem solving skills and creative ability

The Creative Industries continues to be the fastest growing economic sector in Scotland with approximately 1 in 11 jobs in Scotland in this area. We are seeing more roles in games, fashion, architecture, illustration, media and all areas of design

As well as careers the visual arts help young people communicate ideas and emotions. Art and Design gives us a deeper understanding of ourselves and our world. Artists enrich our cultural lives and help us understand the world we live in

MUSIC





Learners will develop instrumental and vocal skills and through these activities they will explore musical concepts. They will develop their confidence by using their skills to create and perform music, including through use of IT. Conceptual knowledge will be gained through practical performances and listening to a variety of musical styles

Music pupils are encouraged to fulfil their potential through creating and participating. They will develop skills and knowledge in performance, creating, listening and understanding music. At this time especially, listening to and playing music enriches our lives and also benefits our well-being and helps us express ourselves



When life is back to normal, pupils can opt into the regional band, choir or orchestra. They can enter the local Burns Competition, Music Festival and National Competitions if they wish to do so

Pupils are encouraged to access the Regional Instrumental Service for lessons on orchestral instruments as well as guitar and tuned percussion when this service resumes

In the Creative Industries we are seeing many career opportunities for example in sound recording, sound engineering, film and TV and in music for the games industry



DRAMA



The S1 Drama course is a creative course designed to expand pupils' communication and co-operation skills.

Pupils will learn to develop their knowledge of drama terminology and the creative process

In S1 we usually focus on developing the ability to work as part of a team to create a finished product, though this might be different this year. Pupils will learn skills such as mime, and will also learn how to develop their use of voice and movement to develop a character

We hope this will result in an end of year performance, where pupils will have the opportunity to create their own piece of Drama using the skills learned throughout the year



In addition we watch performances to build skills in analysis and evaluation based on developing an understanding of acting and directing as well as the design and technical aspects of theatre and film

When life returns to normal there will be opportunities to take part in shows and performances

In the Creative Industries there are all sorts of opportunities and careers in film, TV and theatre from acting and voice acting, writing and directing, to sound and lighting, make-up and costume



And
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We look forward to meeting you all
and welcoming you to our
classrooms

Let's work together to make this
different approach to transition a
success – this is a creative challenge,
and creative challenges are what we
are good at

Meanwhile, we look forward to
welcoming you to Dumfries
Academy when you join us in S1!

*Best wishes from the Faculty of Arts
and Creativity team*

