

SARAH ADAMS

ARTIST · ART EDUCATOR · HEAD OF VISUAL ART

CURRICULUM VITAE (COURSE OF LIFE)

Sarah Louise Adams

VISUAL ARTS EDUCATOR · DEPARTMENT LEAD
· ARTIST

British art and design educator with more than eight years of international teaching experience across Cambridge, Edexcel, IB Diploma, AP and BTEC pathways.

Experienced in curriculum development, assessment, exhibition planning and supporting students from primary through post-16 education. Previously worked in graphic design, digital production and creative project management in London, New York and the San Francisco Bay Area.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visual Arts Teacher and Department Lead

Nord Anglia International School, Shanghai, China

AUGUST 2024 – PRESENT

- Lead Visual Art provision across KS3, Cambridge IGCSE, High School Diploma and IB Diploma pathways.

- Plan curriculum, assessment, exhibitions and departmental resources.
 - Support students with portfolios, resolved artworks and individual creative development.
 - Deliver painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and digital art.
 - Collaborate across the Arts department on theatre design and interdisciplinary projects.
 - Lead enrichment opportunities for primary and secondary students.
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Secondary Art and Design Teacher

St Mary's and St John's CE School, London, UK

JANUARY – JULY 2024

- Taught Edexcel Art and Design across KS3 and GCSE.
 - Delivered fine art, collage, ceramics and printmaking projects.
 - Also taught Graphic Design, Computer Science and Scratch.
 - Led an after-school Arts and Crafts programme.
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Art and Design Artisan

Institut auf dem Rosenberg, St Gallen, Switzerland

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2023

- Taught small Middle and Upper School classes across IB, Cambridge and AP pathways.
 - Delivered Fine Art, Digital Art, Photography, Interior Design, Ceramics and Printmaking.
 - Supported individual student projects in a highly personalised learning environment.
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Visual Arts Teacher

Reigate Grammar School Vietnam

AUGUST 2021 – JUNE 2023

- Taught Visual Arts across PYP, MYP, Cambridge IGCSE and IB Diploma.

- Delivered Fine Art, Digital Art, Ceramics and Printmaking.
 - Assessed and moderated Cambridge IGCSE Art and Design portfolios.
 - Supported exhibitions, interdisciplinary projects and whole-school arts activities.
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Whole-School Art and Design Teacher

Capital School Dubai, UAE

NOVEMBER 2020 – JULY 2021

- Taught Cambridge Art and Design from Years 2–8.
 - Delivered Fine Art, Ceramics, Graphics and Sculpture.
 - Introduced students to Islamic and Arabic art history.
 - Also supported Arabic Social Studies and Moral Education.
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Creative Design and Innovation Teacher

Ministry of Education, UAE

APRIL 2017 – NOVEMBER 2020

- Taught students aged 12–18 across Edexcel IGCSE and BTEC pathways.
- Delivered engineering design, architecture, multimedia, electronics and 3D printing.
- Combined creative thinking with technical problem-solving and digital production.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- PGCE, Leading Learning and Teaching — University of Dundee
- BA (Hons), Graphic Design — De Montfort University
- HND, Illustration — Swindon College
- IB Diploma Visual Arts, Category 2
- Cambridge IGCSE Art and Design assessment training
- Cambridge International AS and A Level Art and Design training
- BTEC Level 3 Art and Design professional development

- TEFL Certificate — 120 hours

CURRICULUM EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

IB Diploma Visual Arts · MYP Visual Arts
· PYP Visual Arts

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL

IGCSE Art and Design · AS and A Level
Art and Design

OTHER PATHWAYS

Edexcel GCSE Art and Design · AP Art ·
BTEC Art and Design · High School
Diploma

CREATIVE AND DIGITAL SKILLS

Art and Design Practice

Drawing · Painting · Illustration · Collage · Printmaking · Ceramics · Sculpture ·
Photography · Typography · Graphic Design · Digital Art · Exhibition Design

Digital Skills

Adobe Photoshop · Illustrator · InDesign · Acrobat · Canva · Blender · Sketchbook ·
WordPress · ManageBac · Google Classroom

HTML · CSS · JavaScript · Scratch

EARLIER CREATIVE CAREER

Digital Designer and Creative Project Lead

London · New York · San Francisco Bay Area
1999 – 2017

Worked across graphic design, digital production, web design and project
management for organisations including Sony Pictures Television, ESPN, TBS, BT,

Nationwide, Accuray, London Fashion Week, the British Fashion Council and Amnesty International UK.

Led projects from initial concept through design, production, testing and launch while managing clients, developers and multidisciplinary creative teams.