

## Statement of Intent - Art

The Art department strive to provide a fully inclusive curriculum which provides pupils with the forum to express themselves visually and understand the world from a different perspective.

At key stage 3 the Art Department delivers a curriculum which ensures the sequence of lessons builds upon the core skills, allowing pupils to grow through their learning and deepening knowledge at the relevant levels. We place a heavy focus on drawing skills because we believe this is fundamental to pupils developing observational understanding and the ability to tackle other aspects of art with confidence, competence and creativity. Each year group is provided with opportunities to creatively explore and experiment with ideas, materials and new ways of working. Pupils are provided with opportunities to make their own independent, creative choices when developing their work with the appropriate level of challenge. An integral part of our curriculum across all key stages is for pupils to develop their knowledge and ability to critically explore and analyse artwork from different cultures and contexts, and use this information to inform and inspire their own creative journey of ideas and outcomes.

At Key Stage 4 we carefully plan and deliver Schemes of Learning that enable pupils to build upon technical and creative skills. Pupils are encouraged to make their own informed choices regarding artist influences, choice of media and development of ideas. As they reach year 11 we aim for our pupils to take greater ownership of their creative journey in order to generate more personal, innovative and meaningful visual responses. Pupils are encouraged to believe in striving to do their best, constantly reviewing and refining their work throughout the creative process.

At Key Stage 5 great emphasis is put upon developing the creative and expressive content of pupil's own artwork as the course proceeds. Pupils undertake rigorous, in-depth investigative work. An integral part of the course is for pupils to explore and learn from the art traditions, styles and skills of contemporary and historical artists and art movements. We have developed a fantastic partnership with The University of the Arts London. Our A Level pupil not only have opportunities to broaden their skills and knowledge of Art & Design through workshops delivered by University tutors but they are also provided with valuable information, support and advice about Higher education and possible courses/career routes for those considering creative pathways.

The School visits that we organise for GCSE and A Level pupils aim to develop pupil's cultural knowledge which leads to a better understanding and awareness of our culture and other cultures. Visits to the Art galleries also broaden pupil's experience's giving them opportunities to explore the texture and scale of works of art that can't be fully appreciated using a digital screen.

Our aim is to support our pupils with developing creative, analytical and evaluative skills that are transferable to other subjects on the school curriculum, and necessary for success in a broad range of careers. We hope pupils leave with an appreciation of art and design in the world around us. We want them to have the creative intelligence to be able to communicate, exchange ideas and navigate our highly visual and digital world.