



Art Department Intent



We provide an environment in which students are happy to take risks, ask themselves questions about their creative journey and respond positively to both staff and their peers to ensure students become open and interested in creativity and the opportunities that it provides. We know that the arts hold unique opportunities for students for rest of their lives whether it be continued in GCSE studies or beyond to creative industries, as self-exploration or as a method to promote wellbeing. We ensure that art and creativity is accessible for all.

As a knowledge engaged curriculum, we believe that knowledge underpins and enables the application of skills; both are entwined. As a department we define the powerful knowledge our students need and help them recall it through classroom practice and by scaffolding our curriculum in such a way that students revisit skills and build upon them each year, tackling increasingly challenging concepts. As each step in a learning journey develops, it incorporates a deeper understanding of prior learning. Student progress is documented through sketchbooks.

We enhance skills, both physical and analytical; to communicate concepts, experiences, and ideas across a wider range of media and techniques. We enrich students educational experience by encouraging them to express themselves creatively, to feel confident exploring media, enable them to learn through risk taking, and to be able to express their own feeling and opinions fluently.

We build the Cultural Capital of our students by providing students with a means to engage with and understand the world around them and their relationship with it. Embedded in our curriculum is the exploration of the work of other artists and designers from a vast spectrum of backgrounds, genders, ethnicities, and beliefs. Cultural awareness is developed through creating, investigating, making, and doing. At the heart of our curriculum design is increasing levels of challenge, risk taking and unpredictable outcomes that require a deep level of understanding and the ability to think creatively to overcome obstacles. We create artists ready to enter the world visually literate and excited about the creative possibilities around them.