

ART Department Curriculum Intent (for Art, Ceramics & Photography).

Within every individual is the innate ability to create. Arts education fosters and celebrates this distinct human characteristic. The Arts nurture the growth of developing minds by providing opportunities to **EXPLORE, INVENT, EXPRESS, DREAM, REFLECT and COMMUNICATE in a STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT** that fosters critical thinking and celebrates **DIVERSITY** in order to explore the world around them.

Art, design, craft and photography stimulate creativity and imagination. The visual arts provide visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a unique way of understanding and responding to the world around us.

Students are taught how to use texture, form, tone, pattern, colour, different materials, processes and techniques to communicate how they see, feel and think.

Through visual art activities they learn to make informed value judgements and aesthetic and practical decisions, they become actively involved in the shaping of their environment.

Students explore and research the meaning in the work of other artists, designers, craftspeople and photographers. They learn about the diverse roles and functions of art in contemporary life and in different cultures and different times.

An understanding and appreciation of the visual arts has the power to enrich our personal and public lives.