

# Art & Design at The William Henry Smith School & Sixth Form



## Intent

Our intention is that all our students can develop skills, knowledge and confidence to create meaningful art work.

Our students learn the value of the arts and how it contributes to their own holistic development.

Our students are encouraged to take risks and experiment in their work which will help them reflect on why some ideas and techniques are successful or not for a particular project or topic.

*"Art helps our boys develop confidence, become critical thinkers, learn tolerance and respect and other life skills like sharing and turn taking and for them to develop technical skills in different creative media."*

Katie Arey (Lead Teacher of Art)

## Implementation

Our art curriculum provides a clear and comprehensive programme of learning that builds on the progression of skills within the different areas of art. Students are provided with opportunities to present their sense of vision through observation, experimentation and illustration and are encouraged to use their imagination through a wide variety of media whilst developing their manipulative skills. Our curriculum will be delivered to inspire them to use a range of techniques and materials and support our students to learn to understand how art and design both reflects and shapes history and contributes to the culture and wealth of our nation and the wider world. Staff will link their art lessons to the wider curriculum, linking to topics throughout the year. We encourage visits to art galleries, museums, exhibitions and we regularly enter competitions broadening our students experience of art and providing many opportunities for success.

## Impact

We aim to develop students who can demonstrate resilience and perseverance and can engage in creative work. We hope all our learners will develop a love of art and in the process achieve qualifications including AQA unit awards, Arts Award and GCSE art and Design.

