



### Curriculum Statement of Intent for Art at St Joseph's College

The fundamental aim of the art department is to enable students to develop an enquiring mind and the technical skills to express themselves confidently and creatively; with feelings and imagination. By providing a broad range of exceptional quality teaching and learning experiences that are delivered with the best resources we can provide; we seek to raise student aspirations, confidence, self-belief and achievement. Our aim is to lead in good practice and to provide a rich and diverse range of artistic opportunities that are shared and celebrated both across the curriculum, in our school community and beyond.

We believe that study of the practices, techniques, ideas and work of artists, photographers and designers will open an exciting world for all participants that enable them to express themselves in a skilled, unique and personal way. Our philosophy encourages students to become independent and resilient learners who develop their own original and thought provoking artwork.

The department prides itself on developing students' skills with a wide range of materials and techniques including drawing, painting, textile work, ceramics, sculpture, photography, installation and mixed media work. Themes are varied and include still life work, both from the natural world and manufactured objects, work from the figure and from the environment including architecture and the landscape. We also aim to champion artists who come from a diverse range of backgrounds. The curriculum is designed to allow students to master the skills required to become confident and independent artists who are willing to take risks and whose work is always ambitious.