

## **Curriculum Statement for Art**

### **Curriculum aims**

At Vanguard School the art curriculum is designed with a clear purpose to ensure that:

- Learners explore a curriculum in a spiral structure, building on earlier basic art skills each year to more sophisticated and inventive methods, techniques and approaches.
- Learners are exposed to traditional, modern and contemporary practitioners from British, western and non-western traditions. They analyse art works. This includes annotation, and verbal response.
- Each year's work is based around a theme or art genre. Traditional and contemporary approaches to skills and methods are explored.
- Learners gain understanding of art movements, and how attitudes in society and developments in science and knowledge can also affect the art they see, and make.

### **How we teach art**

Our approach to teaching Art is:

- Hands-on and practical
- Clear lesson objectives and maximum effort is expected.
- Home Learning is offered as a termly work-booklet at KS3, and as weekly task at KS4 & 5.
- Deliberate opportunity to explore wide types of art materials and techniques to match learners' aptitudes. Combinations of techniques to promote most creative outcomes.
- Individually-tailored work is promoted
- Exemplar work is displayed in classrooms and corridors.
- Learners explore work on different scales, and formats, e.g. sketchbook sequenced development.
- Learners are informed of skills and genre contexts and make comparisons and informed opinions.

### **Specific resources and schemes**

At Vanguard school we support the teaching of art with the use of :

- Two, specialist teaching rooms. Specialist subject staff.

- Specialist materials, including: painting, drawing, design, printmaking, IT (software), three dimensional materials, textiles and photography. Thematic across the curriculum. Visits to galleries.
- KS3 Themes are; year 7= Natural World, Year 8= Pop Art, Year 9= Human Figure.
- KS4 Theme: Years 10 & 11 '*fragmented*'
- KS5 Years 12 & 13. GCSE and A level are both offered.  
Yr12 GCSE theme is '*distorted*'.  
A Level is a bespoke scheme of work based on candidate's strengths, e.g. - textiles.

## Qualifications

By the end of Year 13, when our pupils leave Vanguard School , they will have been supported to engage in and achieve recognised qualifications. This will include some qualifications in key stage 4 and some in key stage 5. We offer a range of qualifications that are tailored to meet the needs of the individual pupil to ensure progress from starting point. All qualification offers are discussed with parents and carers.

Current qualifications for this subject include:

### KS4:

**GCSE Art & Design (Fine Art endorsement)**, with a focus on one or more of the following; painting and drawing, 3D studies, printmaking, mixed media, textiles etc.) or

**GCSE Art & Design (Photography endorsement)**

### KS5:

Again we offer the above GCSE endorsements;

**GCSE Art & Design (Fine Art endorsement)**, with a focus on one or more of the following; painting and drawing, 3D studies, printmaking, mixed media, textiles etc.) or

**GCSE Art & Design (Photography endorsement)**

In addition;

**A Level (Fine Art endorsement)**- this will include a specialism in one or more of the following; painting and drawing, 3D studies, printmaking, mixed media, textiles, photography etc.)