

The Art Department

Staff development

- Network of art teachers
- Delivering staff art workshops-sharing good practise
- Hosting themed art conferences for art educators
- Collaboration with staff across curriculum areas
- Mentoring new and trainee teachers
- Design of school promotional materials

Art Enrichment

- Art challenges
 - Summer art challenge
 - Themed drawing challenge- "inktober"
- Online art resources to enable independent investigation
- Art competitions
 - Designing visuals for school events
 - Christmas card design competition
 - Themed photography competitions for staff, teachers, parents & students
- Art trips
 - Visits to artist studios
 - Visits to art galleries, exhibitions & museums
 - Field trips- visits to locations for research, photography & sketching
- Artist collaborations
 - Visiting artist workshops
 - Artist in residence
- Art debate competition
- Art clubs
- Joint projects between schools
- Audit of parental expertise within the arts- parents who can share knowledge & expertise of their field with students

Cross-curricular collaborations

- STEAM projects
- Entrepreneurship in art projects
- Collaborative projects making connections between other subject areas
- Contributions to drama & music productions- set, poster, video & make-up design
- Working with school librarian to develop and curate art section of the library
- Using art to promote student wellbeing- mindful art activities
- PSHE
 - Using art to raise awareness of environmental issues- creating installations using found objects from beach clean-ups or donated trash
 - Identity art- to support transition, getting to know you identity sculpture
- Using art to explore challenging issues- such as gender identity, stereotypes

Supporting student post-school pathways

- Visiting alumni talks
- Portfolio preparation support
- Links to university admissions officers & pre-university taster courses

Art department development

- Art department development plan
 - Linking to the school strategic plan
 - Linking to staff personal development targets
- Analysis of data
 - Exam results
 - Patterns in student achievement
 - Strategies to address underachievement
- Staff PLD- professional development courses & opportunities
- Developing student art enrichment opportunities
- Review and development of art curriculum
 - Developing opportunities to use new technology & IT to enrich the curriculum
- Peer observation and sharing good practise
- Development of assessment processes
- Staff art examiners

Service in art

- Social enterprise art group- creating art to benefit charitable causes
 - Pop-up art shop
 - Entrepreneurship- setting up company, marketing, prototype, market research, mass production, profit margins.
- Art auction of student artwork to benefit charitable causes
- Art exhibition student docents
- Student design of a wellbeing art mindfulness colouring book to be auctioned for charitable causes
- Student led art clubs
- Student creation of promotional materials- posters to advertise school events

Student leadership

- Student teachers- peer to peer teaching within class and across age ranges
- Art ambassadors- promoting art across the school
- Art exam students & art ambassadors running tours of art exhibitions for younger students
- Student led art enrichment activities & art clubs

Celebrating student achievement

- Art department instagram account
- Facebook art posts
- Physical art exhibitions
 - Whole school themed art exhibitions
 - End of year art exam exhibition
 - Staff, parent & student themed photography exhibition
 - Virtual & physical visitor books, artist appreciation cards, fan mail
 - Merchandise- badges of student artwork on show
 - Exhibition private view- music, refreshments
 - Guided tours by student docents
 - Student designed promotional materials
- Display of student art across the school environment
 - Collaborative art installations
- Art newsletter
- Artist of the week
- Greeting & Christmas cards featuring student artwork
- School calendar featuring student artwork
- Excellence in art awards- certificates of achievement, badges, postcard messages to parents
- Online art exhibitions
 - Online art galleries
 - Art blog
 - Art department website
- Art contributions to the school yearbook

Contributions to the wider community

- Whole school art installations featuring contributions from all staff, teachers, students & parents
- Art wellbeing workshops for staff, teachers & parents
- Outreach transition workshops for local feeder elementary schools- visits to art exhibitions, tours of the art department & art workshops
- Guerilla art- within school environment & beyond
- Promoting UN sustainable goals within art
- Promoting healthy eating & celebrating traditional foods- creation of artwork inspired by food to display in school canteen
- Exhibitions of art & photography by staff, teachers, students & parents