



Our Vision for Art and Design



At St Aidan's Catholic Academy, we believe that art is an essential part of the curriculum; it stimulates creativity, imagination and inspires children to express themselves. Now more than ever in these uncertain times children need a platform to make connections, express feelings and celebrate themselves as individuals and as part of their wider community. As a school we recognise and value each child regardless of race, gender, cultural background or special educational needs. Through our teaching of Art and Design we help children to recognise and value this individuality and promote their creativity.

Our Aims:


To provide a relaxed and encouraging environment where children can be creative and enjoy an active involvement in art. We aim to provide opportunities throughout our school that embrace and develop our children's artistic skills, observational skills and art experiences. We want our children to transfer their creativity and freedom of expression across the curriculum.

This means:

- Creating a platform where children are encouraged to be proud of their achievements;
- Having equal access to the experience as part of their curriculum diet regardless of gender, religion, race or disability;
- Have the opportunities to experience a broad and balanced range of art activities and show progression within these experiences;
- Experience activities within Art and Design that are purposeful and cross-curricular wherever possible to help on their learning journey;
- Develop confidence in their creative ability and critical thinking;
- Have the confidence as well as the skills and experience necessary to communicate their ideas through their artwork;
- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences;
- Have opportunities to learn about art from different times and cultures, thus developing a deeper appreciation and understanding of the world around us now and in the past;
- Become confident using a range of medium and techniques and to be able to make choices about what they need to use to create different effects;
- Using Art and Design as a means to explore feelings;
- Experience Art and Design through first-hand experiences, working both individually and collaboratively.





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Art is our one true global language.

It knows no nation,
it favors no race,
and it acknowledges no class.
It speaks to our need to reveal, heal, and transform.

It transcends our ordinary lives
and lets us imagine what is possible.



-Richard Kamler