

## **KS3 Curriculum Information**

In KS3 students will build key art and design skills alongside gaining knowledge of a range of artists and art movements. Students will work through thematic projects to develop their understanding. In Year 7 students will produce work based on the following themes: My Town, Natural Forms (Environmental art) and Honey I Shrunk the Kids. Throughout KS3 students will have the opportunity to develop a range of 2-D and 3-D techniques including ceramics and photography. Independent Learning Tasks are set regularly and will support you son/daughters learning. Tasks can range from observational drawing to researching an artist.

## **KS4 Curriculum Information**

At KS4 students can opt for GCSE Fine Art or Photography. During the two year Art based courses, students will have exciting opportunities to develop a wide range of art and design skills as well as expressing their ideas and individuality through personal art work. The course prepares students for exciting careers in art and design. The Art and Design course gives students the skills to research and develop their thoughts independently. Students will develop ideas around the theme such as the Urban Landscape and Portraiture.

## **Extra-Curricular Opportunities**

Students have the opportunity to attend several KS3 art clubs a week. Some of the clubs will have a homework focus to support your son/daughter in achieving their potential in Art. There are also focussed, extended learning sessions to support your son/daughter through their Art or Photography GCSE course.

## **Key Trips**

At Key Stage Four students will have the opportunity to visit galleries to support their coursework units.

## **Ways Families can Help Support**

To support your son/daughter it is helpful to have basic art materials at home: pencils, colouring pencils, glue stick and scissors.