KING EDWARD VI
SHELDON HEATH ACADEMY

# CURRICULUM INTENT

## KESH Art and Design

### Knowledge and Skills

The knowledge and skills gained throughout the Art KS3 curriculum will help young people foster appreciation and critical awareness of the visual arts. We aim to infuse young artists with philosophies and skills that enable them to pursue professional work, teaching opportunities, and further education.

With a commitment to promoting strong ethical values and professional demeanour, we strive to foster a sense of community among our students, staff and parents. We are dedicated to engendering students' productive, creative and innovative participation in the world of visual arts as concerned and caring citizens of the global community. Our curriculum promotes inquiry-based learning, encourages risk-taking and independent thinking, nurtures the creative spirit, and supports pursuing opportunities to improve the environment in which we live.

### Values Driven Culture

Art and design allows young people to develop as creative individuals, giving them the opportunity to explore themselves and their environment with each other in a supportive and friendly place. Art holds a special place in human history and has been at the vanguard of human development ever since early man painted Bison on a cave wall. Art is not a subject in isolation but a starting point for understanding the world around us in an array of different ways, from Religion to Science and Maths to Literature, Artists have played a vital role in medicine, architecture, engineering and education.

Art supports exploration of diverse cultures and concepts while promoting equality, respect and understanding. Our young people will become familiar with a wide variety of contemporary and historical artists and movements as well as artists from a broad range of cultures and backgrounds. We aim to facilitate an Art and Design programme that supports our young people in becoming confident, respectful and creative members of society who can contribute in a positive way and challenge the status quo.

The visual arts are intrinsically valuable to all learners, they inherently embody diverse individual, cultural, and philosophical expression and they have the power to change the way in which we perceive things. They are the most direct way to transfer meaning and experience while also developing cultural capital.

### Communication and literacy

Personal thoughts and opinions are vital to a healthy understanding of the world around us, it develops confidence and a respect for the values of others while expressing their own in a concise, respectful and appropriate way. Our young people are given the opportunity to investigate visual language as well as comparing and contrasting other creative forms of communication including music, poems and literature.

**Opportunity**

Art and Design provides a transformative education for creative students of all backgrounds to work, collaborate, and lead with confidence. Here at KESH we provide models for success and examples of the diverse opportunities that are available in visual arts disciplines, as well as facilitating opportunities to experience creative achievement in the visual arts and inculcate in students an enthusiasm for creative expression.

We facilitate student involvement in clubs, competitions and exhibitions and establish meaningful connections with disciplines other than the visual arts and administer a programme of visiting artists, designers, and other relevant practitioners as well as trips to galleries and museums.