

ART AT THE OPEN ACADEMY

Our school vision **“Courage in every step, faith in every journey”**

Students will gain an understanding of the formal elements of Art, namely Form, Shape, Tone, line, Perspective. They will do this through studying different styles, cultures and forms of art.

RESPECT	ASPIRATION	PERSEVERANCE
<p>Children will show respect for different cultures by looking at art work from around the world. Students will explore how the myth of the Green Man has influenced European culture and how Day of the Dead has influenced Mexican society. Students will also use imagery from WW1 to explore how to create silhouette landscapes, building their understanding of what life was like on the front line for soldiers.</p>	<p>Inspiring children through exposure to a wide range of amazing Art work from previous students to show the path to success. We believe the patience required for Art helps develop resilience and encourages our students to take healthy risks in pursuit of their aspirations.</p>	<p>In Art we actively teach and encourage a growth mindset with our students and get them to see mistakes as part of learning. Students are required to work on pieces over an extended period of time and so naturally develop their perseverance.</p>
SPIRITUALITY	GLOBAL CITIZENS	AWE AND WONDER
<p>Art provides a powerful means for students to explore identity, emotion and meaning. Through creating and reflecting on artwork, students engage with personal and collective experiences, developing self-awareness and empathy. Exposure to diverse artistic traditions, including those rooted in religious and cultural expression, encourages reflection on beliefs and values. This process supports students in</p>	<p>Art education enables students to explore and appreciate cultures from around the world. By studying a wide range of artists, movements and traditions, students develop respect for diversity and an understanding of global perspectives. They learn to interpret visual language and consider the social, political and historical contexts of artworks.</p>	<p>Art inspires awe and wonder by encouraging creativity, experimentation and imagination. Students engage with inspiring artworks and are introduced to a variety of materials and techniques, sparking curiosity and excitement. Through hands-on exploration and creative risk-taking, they discover new ways of seeing and expressing ideas. This fosters a sense of joy in the creative process and nurtures a</p>

expressing their inner thoughts and fosters a deeper sense of connection to themselves and others.

We study different cultures and their, sometimes, deep spiritual approach to Art. For example, we look at the myth of the “Green Man” in year 7 and its spiritual connection to Nature and seasonal change.

In year 9 we study the Mexican Festival of the “Day of the Dead” and how its art work reflects that cultures ideas about spirituality and the after life.

This encourages critical thinking and helps students recognise their role in a global society, promoting inclusivity and cultural awareness.

lifelong appreciation for artistic expression and the world around them.

At KS4 we visit the Museum of Zoology and the Botanical gardens in Cambridge that shows students the infinite beauty of Nature as subject for Art work.