



Intent	Delivery	Impact
<p>At St Mark's, we aim to challenge students' perceptions of the subject and nurture young artists who are curious, ambitious, and confident as they explore the world creatively. Art education broadens perspectives, encourages critical thinking, and provides a safe space for personal expression. We encourage pupils to make, understand, and reflect on art.</p> <p>Through practical knowledge, they gain confidence with materials, tools, and techniques. Through theoretical knowledge, they explore artists, movements, and ideas that shape creative decisions. Through disciplinary knowledge, they understand the context behind an artwork and how art reflects lives, culture, history, and society, enabling meaningful, personal work.</p> <p>Cultural capital is developed through trips, workshops, extracurricular and community projects, and school exhibitions.</p> <p>KS3 projects build confidence to experiment across a range of media. We value and encourage individual choice across both class and HW activities, encouraging progression into higher-level study or creative careers. Student work is celebrated across all key stages, connecting with the wider school community.</p> <p>The curriculum develops observation, critical thinking, and conceptual skills, promoting independence, problem-solving, and collaboration.</p>	<p>At St Mark's, the Art curriculum is delivered through progressive, skills-based, and creatively engaging lessons. Lessons are structured to ensure all students experience challenging, meaningful, and enjoyable creative learning.</p> <p>At KS3, students develop foundational skills in a wide range of media and processes including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, digital media, and photography, with projects that encourage experimentation, personal & technical growth.</p> <p>At KS3, students follow a progressive, skills-based curriculum designed to develop foundational abilities in drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, digital media, and photography.</p> <p>Projects provide opportunities for personal expression, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving, helping students develop confidence and independence.</p> <p>KS3 work is assessed across Head (research), Heart (ideas/effort), and Hands (technique), with formative feedback and Learner Response tasks guiding gradual improvement and progression.</p> <p>The curriculum is enriched through clubs, workshops, gallery visits, and wider community projects, and student work is celebrated across all key stages, connecting learning to the wider community.</p>	<p>Students make steady academic progress across all key stages, demonstrating growing confidence, technical skill, and conceptual understanding in line with National Curriculum expectations and beyond.</p> <p>High-quality outcomes are evident in both practical work and written reflection, with students able to analyse artists, evaluate their own work, and communicate ideas effectively.</p> <p>Students develop solid foundations in drawing, making, visual literacy, and creative thinking, providing a secure base for success at KS4 and further study.</p> <p>Engagement and positive attitudes towards learning are reflected in focus, resilience, and a willingness to take creative risks.</p> <p>The curriculum supports mental health by offering opportunities for reflection, creativity, and personal expression, building self-esteem.</p> <p>Uptake of Art & Design at KS4 and beyond is encouraged through positive experiences, aspirational outcomes, and clear pathways into further education and creative careers.</p> <p>Students take pride in their work, with regular opportunities to celebrate and showcase achievements, strengthening confidence, motivation, and a sense of belonging.</p>