

# Furze Platt Senior School



## Arts Policy

We see 'arts' in the broadest sense, encompassing all areas of human creativity, including Drama, Music, Dance, 2D and 3D Art, Textiles, Photography, Media Arts (Film, TV and Computerised Graphics), Animation, Literature and Poetry, Architecture and Design.

We wish to develop in all our students the ability to appreciate the arts produced by others as well as create art works of their own.

We believe that participation in the arts will allow students to develop a unique understanding of themselves and the world around them. Through art education students will grow in confidence in their creative expression of ideas and will develop the appropriate skills to allow them to participate in a wide range of art activities. These skills will form a foundation useful to other curriculum subjects and will open up pathways for careers in arts related professions.

We believe that the arts allow students to develop an insight in to their own and other cultures and can be invaluable when developing an historical perspective.

We will ensure that all pupils have equal access to the arts curriculum in KS3 and a broad range of arts subjects will be offered as GCSE and AS/A2 options at KS4 and 5.

We will promote the regular provision of extra curricular arts opportunities in Art and Textiles, Music, Drama and Dance including after school clubs, workshops, exhibitions, visits, performances and exposure to a range of professional artists. We will facilitate access to extra curricular tuition eg instrumental lessons to ensure students can develop their talents.

We will develop the facilities and resources necessary to deliver high quality teaching and learning within the arts curriculum.

## **Aims**

### **1. To promote lifelong participation in and appreciation of the arts.**

#### Objective

- To provide a broad range of arts experiences both inside and outside of the classroom.

### **2. To develop interests and talents in order to build self-esteem and confidence.**

#### Objective

- To develop the extracurricular provision, in particular, to meet the needs of boys.

### **3. To give all pupils the opportunity to receive high quality and diverse Arts experiences, including multicultural aspects.**

#### Objectives

- To evaluate, revise and develop cross- curricular Arts projects across all key stages.
- To develop opportunities for arts practitioners from outside the school to work with pupils.

**4. To continue to expand the provision, take up and achievements in Arts subjects.**

Objectives

- To continue to ensure that pupils study arts subjects as part of a broad and balanced curriculum, which delivers a range of courses to meet the needs of all pupils.
- To collaborate with other local schools to increase the range of arts courses available post -16.

**5. To provide high quality facilities and resources and well qualified, highly motivated arts teachers, who continually aspire to develop their knowledge and skills.**

Objectives

- To provide the appropriate staff development opportunities.
- To develop further the existing links with feeder schools, community arts organisations, Reading University and other bodies.