



Art & Design DNA

The Creative and Performing Arts department aims for inclusivity: the idea that every pupil has access to a diverse range of creative opportunities whatever their background.

In Art & Design we believe that every child deserves the right to access their visual cultural heritage and their own artistic voice.

Courageous – Our role as a department is to encourage students to be bold and take risks; to accept and learn from mistakes, to create, exhibit and discuss work, culture, identity and diversity in a brave and empowering way. Our highly skilled staff offer a wealth of expertise in a variety of different materials to engage and challenge all students to have the opportunity to try and find their individual strengths through experimentation, analysis and evaluation.

Compassionate – In our department we create an inclusive, safe space. Our curriculum offers students opportunities to discuss, develop and grow in understanding as a creative and culturally informed individual. Through a diverse and stimulating curriculum, students are encouraged to develop a greater understanding of individual, social, political and world issues.

Community – Through artistic expression, we build a community of empowered individuals with the ability to communicate their opinions and views. We provide a variety of opportunities to visit galleries and museums as well as celebrate each other's creativity both individually and collaboratively, working with the wider community to showcase talent and effort. We are fortunate to live on the doorstep of world-renowned cultural centres and students are encouraged to explore these to gain a deeper awareness, appreciation and understanding of the role of art and design in its current and historical context

Empowering Excellence – At Bolingbroke, we believe in building resilience through setting high expectations of academic rigour, creative skills, critical analysis and evaluation. Through a variety of expressive disciplines, we enable students to find their visual voice. Our extensive range of clubs and regular exhibitions of student work around the academy inspire and encourage every child to try their best, achieve their potential and instil pride in one another's personal achievements.