Art curriculum overview

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	Familiarisation with the art room - A variety of short activities to enable students to source equipment and for assessment purposes. In depth study: The Elements of Art - Explore what the elements of art are — colour, form, texture, tone, line, composition. - Group collaborations — making displays for the art room. - Rules for the art room. SMSC: Practise giving constructive criticism, developing tolerance	Familiarisation with the art room - A variety of short activities to enable students to source equipment and for assessment purposes. In depth study: The Elements of Art - Explore what the elements of art are – colour, form, texture, tone, line, composition. - Group collaborations – making displays for the art room. - Rules for the art room. SMSC: Practise giving constructive criticism, developing tolerance towards others.	Familiarisation with the art room - A variety of short activities to enable students to source equipment and for assessment purposes. In depth study: The Elements of Art - Explore what the elements of art are – colour, form, texture, tone, line, composition. - Group collaborations – making displays for the art room. - Rules for the art room. SMSC: Practise giving constructive criticism, developing tolerance towards others.

Autumn 2

Design a rollercoaster ride

Project about design and construction.

- Use the internet to research different types of roller coaster
- Make a range of different structures, testing strength and balance
- Expressive drawing skills documenting what might happen on a rollercoaster
- Building models using engineering sets.

Skill set:

- Developing formal art skills using sculpture and drawing techniques.
- -Developing drawing skills and the use of dry media.
- -Developing spatial awareness using model making and Kinex.

Cross-curricular links: design and technology, physics

SMSC: exploring emotion through mark making, sharing ideas in front of the class, problem solving

Identity and all about me

Project about graphic design and visual literacy.

- Use hieroglyphics to write your own name
- Create a collage which shows the viewer all about yourself
- Expressive drawing skills large paintings documenting different emotions
- Painting to music interpretative mark making
- Design your own set of hieroglyphics or emojis to tell someone about yourself.

Skill set:

- Exploring a range of digital technology and drawing skills.
- Independent research.
- Inspiration from contextual links.
- Developing ideas and intentions with creating artwork.
- Recording the artistic process, including success and creative mistakes.
- Learning from mistakes and building resilience.

Design a flood proof home for the fictional island of Watu

Project about design and construction.

- Design a flag
- Research flood proof homes
- Conduct materials experiments (link to science)
- Design and build a model of a flood proof home.

Skill set:

- Development of using merging drawing with painting skills.
- Use of digital technologies alongside traditional methods.
- Evaluation and analysis of their design – assess the suitability of their design for who their flood-proof home is made for.

Cross curricular links: science and design & technology, PSHE

SMSC: building compassion and empathy, awareness of climate crisis

		Cross-curricular links: history, PSHE SMSC: exploring feelings and thoughts through non-verbal means, representing yourself.	
Spring 1	Project about design and textiles. - Explore the history and traditions of durags - Researching brands you like - Creating designs inspired by fashion labels - Learning basic sewing skills (hand and machine) - Measuring and cutting patterns - Printing onto textiles Skill set: - Developing awareness of branding and fashion trends Independent research Learning from mistakes and building resilience.	Project about set design and visual literacy - Analyse the Jabberwocky poem by Lewis Carroll - Build a plasticene version of the Jabberwocky - Build a stage set to move the Jabberwocky around and act out the poem - Look at the artwork of Cressida Cowell to help illustrate your poem - Make a concertina sketchbook - Create a storyboard Cross-curricular links: English SMSC: empathising with different characters	Project about design and 3D modelling using clay. - Create a mood board using magazine cuttings which will help inform the design of your shoe. - Conduct a peer-to-peer survey on what kind of shoes they like to wear (market research). - Design your dream shoe using your mood board and other research. - Present your design to the class. - Learn to construct a 3D shoe using clay – making slabs, joining clay correctly, finishing techniques.

	Cross-curricular links: PSHE and history, design SMSC: working together, sharing skills, peer evaluation		Cross-curricular links: design and technology, marketing and business SMSC: building resilience through making mistakes, peer-to-peer tutelage, giving constructive feedback
Spring 2	Create a display for a science fair. Conduct a variety of exciting experiments. - Students to research their own art/science experiments that they would like to explore Gathering appropriate materials to conduct an experiment Coming up with a hypothesis, rules for fair testing etc Digital technologies to document and present their findings Creating an engaging display for their peers to get them interested in science. Skill set:	Portraiture, line and tone Complete a self-portrait using a geometric style. - Explore continuous line drawings in portraiture Experiment with tone, pattern and colour using continuous line Research the work of Alexander Calder - Create a wire sculpture self-portrait in the style of Calder Explore the work of Josh Bryan - Complete a self-portrait in the style of Bryan. Skill set: -Exploring a range of digital technology and drawing skillsIndependent research.	Art Foundation (Dog project) A collaborative group project exploring current issues for young people in London. - Introduction to street art with Neil Bonner - Conducting independent research online – images which inspire - Looking at the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring and Andy Warhol. Precursors to street art Designing the dog - Experiments with application of paint and other materials Applying ideas and learning to create final piece.

	-Development of the use of the formal elements of art. Line, Tone, Form, Shape, Pattern and TextureDeveloping drawing skills further, alongside sculpture and ceramic skillsEvaluation and analysis of the techniques they have been taught. Cross curricular links: science	-Inspiration from contextual linksDeveloping ideas and intentions with creating artworkRecording the artistic process, including success and creative mistakesLearning from mistakes and building resilience. Cross curricular links: PSHE, design	Cross curricular links: History, PSHE, design SMSC: Exploring issues to do with young people in London today, empathising with others, communication and presentation skills.
Summer	SMSC: building resilience through making mistakes, peer-to-peer tutelage, giving constructive feedback Sculptural life drawing	SMSC: building resilience, growing communication skills Fantasy creatures	Birds in the trees
1	Create a self-portrait sculpture using clay.	Use a variety of drawing and printmaking techniques to create fantasy creatures.	Painting and drawing project to make a large-scale shared picture.
	 Create a mini-set for the sculptures to interact with (e.g. an art gallery, playground, school room etc.) Using empathy as a source of inspiration – (sight) how does the person look when in that pose, (feeling) how might they feel, any other key questions? Mixture of seated and standing poses – life-based sculptures. Figures in motion. 	 Look at the link between eggs and the life-cycle. What is in an egg, how does it form? Carbon copy prints of eggs and their interiors. Carbon paper with oil pastels – making mono-prints Thoughtful mark-making exercises. Creating our own creatures using consequences game. 	 Studying wildlife and growth around us Creating masking tape drawings of trees – class trip to Hollow Ponds Thoughtful mark-making techniques Mono-printing and collage techniques to create familiar garden birds.

- Figures interacting with their surroundings.
- Documented by the class using photography and film.

Skill set:

- -Refinement of drawing skills, alongside sculpture and ceramic skills.
- -Comparison, evaluation and analysis of the techniques they have been taught.
- -Use of digital technologies alongside traditional methods.

Cross curricular links: drama (performing arts), English

SMSC: deepening empathy, talking and listening, building resilience.

- Drawing together elements of carbon-copy drawings and ink/wax resist.
- Refining ideas to make final piece.

Skill set:

- -Development of using merging drawing with painting skills.
- -Use of digital technologies alongside traditional methods.
- -Evaluation and analysis of artist who link to their culture they are studying.

Cross-curricular links: English, science

SMSC: valuing creativity and design, sharing ideas with peers, constructive feedback.

- -Refinement of drawing skills, alongside painting and printmaking skills.
- -Comparison, evaluation and analysis of the techniques they have been taught.
- -Use of digital technologies alongside traditional methods.

Cross-curricular links: forest school style learning, science, geography

SMSC: working together, sharing skills, peer evaluation

Summer 2

Sculpture games

Creating a series of sculptures from recycled object inspired by Joan Miro and Sol Le Witt

- Tall and free-standing game make a sculpture from paper straws which is as tall as possible
- Explore what makes an 'automatic' drawing or sculpture
- Sculptural constraints games
- Using paper, card and colours to create a sculpture inspired by Joan Miro.

Skill set:

- -Development of the use of the formal elements of art. Line, Tone, Form, Shape, Pattern and Texture.
- -Developing drawing skills further, alongside sculpture skills.
- -Evaluation and analysis of the techniques they have been taught.

Cross-curricular links: science, design and technology

Natural forms

Making a sculptural form inspired by nature

- Conduct independent research about Day of the Dead online
- Create a PowerPoint presentation for the class about DotD.
- Gather images and objects which inspire them – relating to natural forms.
- Learn how to construct a skull out of clay.
- Experiment with finishes –
 dripping wax, painting, applying jewels using hot glue gun.

Skill set:

- -Use of digital technologies alongside traditional methods.
- -Developing drawing skills further, alongside painting and collage skills.
- -Evaluation and analysis of artist who link to their own practice.

Cross-curricular links: history, geography

SMSC: empathising with different cultures

Portraiture

Create a portrait using either clay or linocut

- Research artists who make portraits of different types of people
- In-depth study of a selfportrait by an artist
- Framing matters construct a cardboard frame and use it to help photograph portraits and different selected objects.
- Layering the image. Design your portrait using a background, mid-ground and foreground.
- Learn basic lino-cutting skills.
- Slab making and extruding skills in clay.

Skill set:

- -Production of a final outcome with skilful links to the project.
- -Exploring a range of sculptural and ceramic skills.
- -Contextual links informing artistic practise.

SMSC: building resilience through	-Refinement of ideas and intentions
making mistakes, peer-to-peer	with creating artwork.
tutelage, giving constructive feedback	-Skilful recording of the artistic
	process, including success and
	creative mistakes.
	Cross-curricular links: PSHE, English
	SMSC: empathising with different cultures, building resilience from making mistakes