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The Art, Design and photography curriculum for KS3 and KS4 aims to provide students with a strong foundation in visual literacy, creativity, and technical skills in a wide range of media, including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, textiles, and photography. The curriculum intends to foster students’ curiosity, imagination, and critical thinking through a variety of creative projects and assignments, as well as exposing them to the cultural and historical contexts of art, design and photography. At KS3 level, students will explore a range of materials, techniques, and processes to develop their creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. They will learn about the basic principles of art and design, including colour theory, composition, and perspective. They will also learn about art movements, artists, and designers and their contributions to the field.

At KS4 level, the curriculum builds on the foundations of KS3 and aims to develop students’ technical skills, creativity and critical thinking to a higher level. Students will study more advanced concepts and techniques, and have the opportunity to specialize in their preferred media, such as painting, drawing, mixed media or photography. Throughout the curriculum, students will be encouraged to reflect on their own creative process, and engage in critical discussions with their peers and teachers to evaluate their own work and that of others. They will also be encouraged to explore the impact of art, design, and photography on society, culture, and the environment. The overall intent of the curriculum is to inspire and challenge students to develop their creativity, technical skills, and critical thinking, while fostering their understanding and appreciation of art, design, and photography in their wider contexts.

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