

### **KS3 – Art overview**

We believe that Art has an important role to play as part of a wide and varied curriculum that prepares students for life in and beyond Westfield School. In Art we aim to provide students with experiences in which they feel challenged and supported and aim for all students to leave lessons with a sense of pride and achievement. Our focus at both Key Stages begins with high quality lessons which focus around developing a wide variety of techniques that will allow them to develop skills using a variety of mediums. Students will explore the use of Art history to inform and inspire the creative process. Techniques explored are observational drawings, colour work, painting and 3D practical skills. Students will be expected to develop written analysis techniques to understand how and why art looks the way it does. We also seek to offer students a variety of opportunities to extend their learning and achievement beyond the classroom. We have three main aims;

- To develop personal and transferable skills through creativity, problem solving, research and analysis.
- To develop a broad range of artistic skills and contextual understanding of different artist and art styles, allowing students a solid foundation to achieve highly at GCSE if they wish to study Art further.
- To explore a range of social, moral and cultural themes through art.