



ARTS POLICY

Audience	Governors, Parents, Staff
Date of renewal / updates / review	As necessary
Named person responsible for monitoring	SLT i/c of the Arts
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At Hampstead School, we believe that the visual and performing arts are crucial to developing well rounded and confident individuals able to express themselves and to take a critical approach to the world around them. We also acknowledge that a greater experience of the arts through education builds important cultural capital, where students are encouraged to participate fully in the cultural heritage of their community, both local, regional, national and international sources.

The policy is endorsed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), as a Rights Respecting School, particularly Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

To achieve the above the school will:

- 1) Provide a *broad and balanced curriculum* where the traditional arts subjects are an entitlement for all students. We define the 'Arts' specifically as Art, Design, Drama, Dance, Music, Textiles, Photography and Music Technology.
- 2) Place the Arts curriculum at the centre of the STEAM strategy, strengthening the connections for students between Science, Maths and the arts.
- 3) Promote the development of creative and artistic skills across the whole taught curriculum, in preparation for adult life and the world of work. These may include questioning, working within a team, risk taking and exploring solutions. We want our students to be reflective, articulate in their responses and able to express their opinions with confidence and knowledge at the very least.
- 4) Encourage the participation of all students in a wide range of extra curricular activities, providing opportunities to extend and enrich experience and interest in the arts and in the creative process.
- 5) Provide the opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements in the arts and express their ideas and work using performance, media and technology. We will encourage participation in the Arts Award qualification through the taught curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

- 6) Strengthen and build new partnerships with Arts agencies and professionals to support us in the development of our young people through visits to arts organisations, workshops with artists and to experience the work of professionals outside of the classroom.
- 7) Constantly review the quality and scope of the arts experience, to ensure full participation and equality of opportunity and experience.
- 8) Ensure our arts facilities and resources are of the highest quality and accessible to the full range of all our students.

Signed: _____Paul Stratton_____

Date: _____18 July 2019_____

Chair of Quality Assurance