

# Art

**“Before a child speaks it sings. As soon as they stand they dance.  
Before they write they paint. Art is the basis of human expression” *Phylicia Rashad***

## Summerhill students will be **valuable members of society**

Our students will be encouraged to express themselves through a medium of endless possibility.

We will actively promote curiosity at the work of others, celebrating art, artists and cultures from around the world. Thus encouraging diversity in thinking and doing.

Students will develop an awareness of the direct and indirect impacts of art on society and be able to share positives and learn from others. They will then be able apply this way of thinking to the wider world with creativity, developing valuable and transferrable skills for future careers and life.

## Summerhill students will be **skilled communicators**

Students will develop the key skills of interpreting art and communicating the personal intellectual and emotional reactions it evokes.

Communication can take many forms: creating art is one of the most individual and powerful forms of communication and has been used to great effect by artists for hundreds of years.

We aim to provide students with the tools to communicate via any number of methods in both the creation of individual pieces and interpretation of art from their peers and around the world.

## Summerhill students will be **knowledgeable**

Our curriculum will be rich in knowledge and skills. We will provide students with an experience that is exciting and ensure that our students combine practical skill with creative thinking.

Through diverse interactions with art students will gain insight into fields beyond the direct scope of the subject matter. Students will discover a range of artist movements, material, techniques and will learn to analyse contextual sources.

Our students will gain knowledge and motivation for creating art of any form and why it is essential in interpreting it in the context in which it was created and in the context of the modern world where it now sits.

## **Our curriculum is underpinned by four key values:**

- Courage** – doing what is right; being truthful; trying new experiences; taking risks in the pursuit of personal development
- Ambition** – having the highest aspirations and expectations of ourselves / others; being brilliant in all we do; having belief that challenges can be overcome with the right attitude and hard work
- Respect** – thinking about the way we interact with others; being considerate to ourselves, others and the environment; responding to expectations and working together in teams
- Effort** – investing time and energy to achieve success; always giving our best in everything we do; demonstrating resilience