

## **Art, Craft and Design Vision**

**'Great things are done by a series of small things done together'**

**Vincent Van Gogh**

At Kickstart Academy we believe that high quality Art lessons will inspire students to think innovatively and develop independent creative understanding.

Our art curriculum provides pupils with opportunities to develop their skills using a range of media and materials. Students learn skills in drawing, painting, collage, 3D work and printing. Independent study increases self-confidence and we encourage using art as a medium to express emotion and thought to enhance their personal, social and emotional development. Many aspects of art link to Mathematical ideas of shape and space; for example, when printing repeated patterns or in our Optical Art project. We use English when annotating and evaluating work and in mind maps and mood boards. Students are expected to be reflective and to think and evaluate how improvements can be made. Resilience and the power of embracing mistakes is a valuable life lesson. Our chief aims in Art are to

- Keep students safe by fostering healthy emotional and mental wellbeing through self-expression and reflection
- To promote an understanding of other cultures through research of artists, craftspeople and designers.
- To actively encourage students to achieve their best outcomes and promote a life long love of curiosity in learning.