

EMMANUEL COLLEGE
THE ART DEPARTMENT
Philosophical Statement



The Art Department of Emmanuel College is dedicated to nurturing critical thinking and visual literacy through an engaging and supportive classroom environment. We hope to develop a lifelong aptitude and a desire to learn, explore and create. We make learning accessible, rewarding, thought provoking and meaningful. We want to excite students to think, create and perform.

The Art curriculum aims to provide all students with teaching continuous and sequential knowledge, to simultaneously reveal the joy of aesthetic expression, the hard work of craftsmanship and the necessity of Art which is in us. It is our intent that the curriculum is a journey through the formal elements, we start with teaching tone which is the basis of Art, giving an object the appearance of form and texture, from this we build the knowledge associated with Art and Design. By the end of GCSE, we expect our students to have a solid understanding of the formal elements of Art and Design and be skilful in their application to create something aesthetically beautiful, powerful or successful in conveying a message. During GCSE we are training students to become independent learners who see the direction they want to go and are able to get there with our support. Incorporating Art History and Contemporary Art into the curriculum exposes students to global awareness and viewpoints other than their own.

