

# The Oxfordshire Hospital School

## Creative Arts Curriculum Statement



### The Creative Arts

The Oxfordshire Hospital School promotes positive attitudes towards the creative arts for all through a rich, bespoke, pupil centred approach. We recognise that whilst working with OHS, pupils need to focus on their health and therefore, we plan and deliver individualised learning journeys which are designed to enable, equip and inspire each individual. At OHS, this includes a range of creative opportunities such as art, craft, construction, design, gardening, music, creative writing and photography and is supported by artists, illustrators, craftspeople, musicians and music technicians. Pupils are encouraged to enjoy the creative process and express themselves by producing work that is individual and unique. Creative arts help to connect the pupils to different cultures and the wider world and through celebrating their work within, and beyond, the confines of the medical settings, they are able to gain self-confidence and pleasure from knowing that what they produce can be appreciated by others.

### Our aims are to:

- Foster enjoyment and active involvement in the Creative Arts
- Develop the pupils' confidence, skills and experiences needed to communicate their ideas through their work
- Develop the pupils' abilities to analyse and make informed critical judgments about their work, and the work of others, using the appropriate language
- Develop the pupils' skills in responding positively, and with understanding, to the diversity of the Creative Arts across different cultures, times and styles
- Provide opportunities for the pupils to select and work with confidence with different dimensions and a variety of sizes and scales and experiment with different media, techniques and equipment
- Develop visual literacy skills
- Develop the pupils' understanding and application of basic principles, including line tone, texture, shape, form, space, pattern, colour, contrast, composition, proportion, and perspective in art, craft and design
- Support pupils' in being positive about their own abilities and recognise their own success as well as areas for development

**A strong and embedded programme of internal and external partnerships support a vibrant and dynamic curriculum, which offers pupils the opportunities to:**

- Work with an artist-in residence
- Engage in local community projects
- Engage in national projects

- Participate in national competitions and events
- Apply their skills across the curriculum
- Work with visiting authors and illustrators
- Compose and record unique musical compositions with experts from Community Albums or in situ music therapist
- Learn and develop skills in the production side of music
- Learn and develop singing and playing skills under the expert tuition from Oxfordshire County Music Service
- Explore different cultures through artefacts from Oxford University Museums
- Listen to a storyteller and actively participate in bringing stories to life
- Explore the wider world using VR technology
- Gain nationally recognised qualifications through Arts Award - Trinity College