

# Creative and Expressive Arts

A group of children are on a stage, participating in a creative activity. They are holding up long, flowing red streamers that span across the stage. Several children are also holding up clusters of shiny, star-shaped balloons in shades of red and gold. In the background, a large, illuminated globe is visible, suggesting a theme of global unity or diversity. The lighting is warm and focused on the children and their creations.

Curriculum Enrichment



# Vision



- Participation in the arts can give children of all abilities a means to practice and develop communication skills, develop emotional literacy and inter-personal and social skills.
- Through creative activities, children can develop confidence, self-awareness, the willingness to face new challenges, independent thinking and concentration. They can learn how to express themselves, take risks, and find new interests.
- We are committed to providing all children in the school with a motivating and creative arts curriculum that combines specialist teacher input with class teacher support and access to professional arts organisations, projects and events.

# The Arts Team



A Team of specialist teachers and T.A's in music, film and media, art and design and drama/ dance work across the school to design and deliver a range of activities in weekly lessons, lunchtime and after-school clubs, as well as school performances and events. The Arts Team often work on a specific project over the course of a term to create a final product such as a performance, exhibition or multi-media event. We have developed a sensory-immersive house style for school productions which suits the range of needs of our students.

Cronin Music Ltd provides professional standard I.T. relating to film , media and audio for children to use as well as professional expertise and advice. There is also a 'St Nicholas radio' run by the students.

All students in KS4 work on a Bronze, Explore or Discover Arts Award programme which includes arts activities and opportunities to see performances and visit galleries.

# Partnerships and Projects

We have partnerships with a range of arts organisations which provide on-going creative opportunities for all our students across all curriculum pathways:

**The RSC Associate Schools Programme** – performance opportunities , live streams, workshops

**The Marlowe Theatre** – drama and dance performance opportunities and workshops.

**Moonbeam Theatre** – workshops and performances

**Toucan Theatre** – workshops and performances

**The Canterbury Festival** – workshops and community events

**University of Kent** – class-based drama projects

**Parable Dance Company** – dance workshops

**IntoFilm Festival** – free film showings

**Turner Gallery** – projects and exhibitions

**Ksent Music and Performing Arts Network** – concert opportunities and projects ( including

**The Big Reveal** – music, drama and visual arts project )