
EMS ART & DESIGN

ENGLISH MARTYRS ART AND DESIGN DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER TERM 1



Welcome to the EMS Art and Design department newsletter. Here you will find what exciting opportunities students at EMS have been participating in across the first term. Here at EMS we pride ourselves on the rich, diverse and quality of the art provision we design and deliver to all students. Across the first term students have had an exciting and eclectic return to school. The art department have organised and introduced some national and local creative opportunities that students have grasped with both hands allowing them to showcase their artistic talents and flair.

Some of our Sixth Form Art and Design students on a print making workshop at the Northern School of Art

NSA printmaking workshop Friday 26th November

A group of EMS A Level Art and Design students had a brilliant day working with NSA on Friday 26th November. NSA provided a successful day's workshop exploring printmaking lead by course leaders. Our students were guided through printmaking and screen-printing processes culminating in exciting personal outcomes. Students were shown how to create their own silk screens, incorporate foil into their design process, etch own acrylic boards and operate large scale printing press to produce final pieces. All outcomes from the day will inform personal A Level portfolio.

Students involved: Isobel Beach, Molly McNeany, Taylor Measor, Marrius Pichay, Bethan Richardson, Tabatha Swinburne, Aimee Umpleby, Callum Gaffney, Holli Cosgrave.

All students had a great day benefitting from this invaluable opportunity preparing them for Art studies at a higher level at University and provided a clear insight familiarising themselves with the University lifestyle.



School Christmas Card 2021

Earlier in the term, we were asked if there were any high performing art students who we could ask to design a school Christmas card.

Stan in Year 9 loves art and is developing his talents working in a range of styles and using different media. We were impressed with the work that Stan has been producing over the past three years so we asked him to have a go at designing a card. The only stipulation was that it needed to have a religious aspect to it.

Stan produced this fantastic card using his iPad as a drawing tool on an app called Procreate. The iPad is a great drawing tool and more and more students are using it to great effect.

The card was sent out far and wide by our Headteacher Mrs Crawshaw. A fantastic effort from Stan. A really talented student and we look forward to seeing his work develop over the years at English Martyrs.



GCSE Ceramics workshops with Mike Brogan

The Art Department are delighted to offer Year 10 GCSE Art and Design students the opportunity to

work with a professional ceramicist- Mike Brogan. Students are able to work alongside a practicing professional artist, to develop new skills and develop their own GCSE work. This opportunity is significantly benefitting all Art and Design students and is a unique, exciting experience. Students will be able to develop skills of experimentation and exploration and make some high-quality 3D ceramics. Additionally, students will gain further knowledge and skill from one to one teaching in a specific art specialism that will directly inform their creative practice. Sessions have taken place over the past six weeks and all students are responding extremely well. Their designs, building, decoration and sophisticated final outcomes are testament to the hard work and willingness to learn direct from Mike Brogan.



The Big Draw 2021

English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College are participating in The Big Draw Festival 2021.

The theme students are responding to is “make the change”.

The aim is for all year groups across KS3 to contribute to the theme starting with year 7. To date year 7 students have made a fantastic start producing some exciting, creative and personal outcomes. Term 2 will target year 8 and term 3 will target year 9.

Students illustrations are focused on happy changes that they intend to make and are looking forward to after Covid. For example meeting with friends, playing sport, shopping, hobbies, live music etc all enjoyable aspects that were restricted last year.

Collaboration and team work is essential to effectively complete the task.

All individual illustrations will come together to form a large scale collective piece celebrating drawing in the EMS community.

Keep up the good work EMS art students.

It is looking brilliant so far.



Y9 Arts enrichment

The Art department have offered year 9 students the opportunity to try out one or all art specialisms we offer. The Art Enrichment programme aims to facilitate student’s enthusiasm and curiosity of the arts which in turn is supporting further development and progression in artistic, interpersonal and social skills.

The program will run until the beginning of March and will allow students to experience and explore all materials, disciplines and specialisms on offer at EMS that could then be further studied at GCSE level. The main advantage of this is for students to dedicate additional time, outside of normal timetables sessions, to certain Art and Design tasks led by specialist Art and Design teachers.

Current student take up is tremendous. Students are working across a range of diverse areas in art. To date students have explored mono printing, felting, stop motion, animation and darkroom photography.

These sessions are invaluable, allowing every student to experience something new, acquire new skills and grow their creative talents.



A Level Mastery

Earlier this term, we offered mastery sessions for Year 11 students that are considering joining us at EMS6 in September. Sessions in each of the specialisms that we offer were provided so that prospective students could see what we offer and the kind of work that we do. It also offered them an opportunity to have a chat with art teachers who answered any questions that they had. We hope to see you all in September!

Artsmark

We are proud to say that we are now working towards Artsmark which is an award given by Arts Council England. We have submitted our Statement of Commitment and now we have up to two years to achieve our goals and develop our arts and culture provision. We will evaluate everything that we have done and write a statement of impact and then hopefully achieve the highest level of Artsmark status. Everything you see on this newsletter is a great start towards our goal of achieving Artsmark Platinum.



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