

EMS ART & DESIGN

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE ART AND DESIGN DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER TERM 3



English Martyrs 50th Anniversary artwork

The Art Department continued with exciting, vibrant lessons and enrichment this term. We have worked on a Summerhill Photography Competition, produced large scale EMS 50th anniversary pieces, celebrated the Tall Ships return to Hartlepool, exhibited the work of an international glass artist, led various Primary Arts Projects and showcased GCSE and A Level student work via end of year exhibitions.

Summerhill calendar

English Martyrs Art Department worked with Summer Hill Visitors Centre on a photography project. Students in English Martyrs have embraced the wonderful opportunity to showcase their photographic talents capturing images from Summer Hill through the seasons.

This partnership has proved ideal for students to express their locality as creatively as they wish. Photographs have been selected, collated and finalised forming a calendar that the visitor centre plans to sell.

“When I was asked to contribute to this competition I thought it was right up my street. I often walk through Summerhill and thought this would give me the opportunity to put my photography skills I learn in College into practice. I am over the moon some of my shots were selected.” – Joshua Lloyd



English Martyrs 50th Anniversary piece

A very ambitious piece of artwork has been completed by the art department to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of EMS.

The aim was to involve as many students and staff as possible and pull together an ever-lasting work of art. Staff and students were tasked to make their mark (doodle, name, initials etc) on individual ceramic stars. After all marks had been made on all individual stars large-scale mosaics were arranged. Eight individual mosaics, illustrating 1973 to 2023, have been finalised and are to be permanently installed in the entrance of the art department for all to see.



Catholic Primary School Transition: Year 5

All Catholic Primary Partner Schools were invited to take part in the making of commemorative plaques for our schools' 50th Anniversary.

The project worked with 5, Year 5 students from each Partner Primary School. Students from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, St Bega's Catholic Primary School, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, St John Vianney's Catholic Primary School, St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School all attended afternoon sessions to create their pieces. Students engaged and excelled with this project. All students represented their schools' extremely well with excellent talent and team work.

Once completed, plaques will be displayed at English Martyrs and each Primary school will have a plaque to celebrate their involvement.



GCSE and A Level exhibitions

The annual GCSE and A Level shows at the English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College has once again celebrated the future generation of artists and designers. Some students who exhibited are progressing to higher education institutions to pursue creative careers undertaking degree courses in Illustration, Photography, Fashion and Advertising.

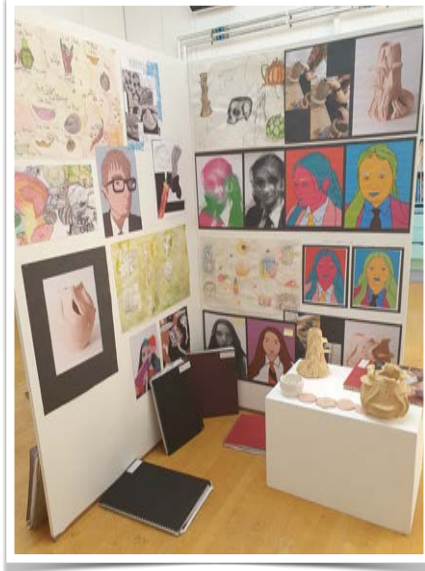
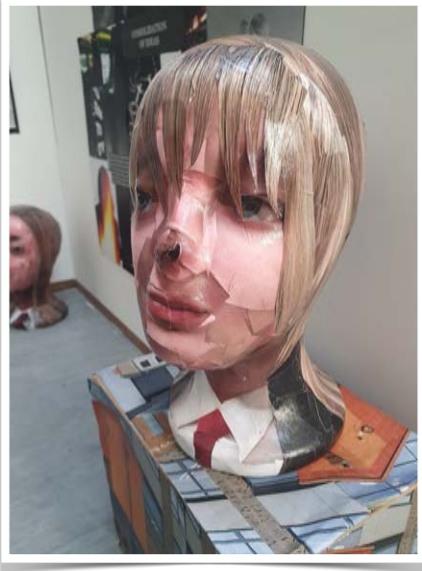
Putting their talents in the spotlight, over 100 students showcased their works from a wide range of courses at the exhibition including Art and Design, Photography, 3D Design and Graphic Design.

All artists put together breath taking exhibitions to successfully round off their studies. A two-week long exhibition took place in the school gallery allowing pupils, staff, governors, parents/guardians via a public viewing, to enjoy the work.

Visitors commented: "isn't it great for the students to show off all their hard work and effort in a space like this" and "as a parent I am so proud to see my daughter's work on display for everyone to see and admire".

If you're a regular visitor to our shows, you'll be aware of how fantastic our A level Art and GCSE Art exhibition looks every year.

Well done to all GCSE and A Level artists. You have done yourselves, the art department and EMS proud.



Wonders of The Sea exhibition

Wonders of the Sea opened on Wednesday 21st June at English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College. The exhibition features creations from English Martyrs students working in partnership with international glass artist James Maskrey of Sunderland University and the National Glass Centre.

Wonders of The Sea Exhibition opened in celebration of the Tall Ships Race Hartlepool 2023.

Art lovers viewed a range of mixed media, photography, textiles, ceramic and glass artworks all with a seafaring theme.

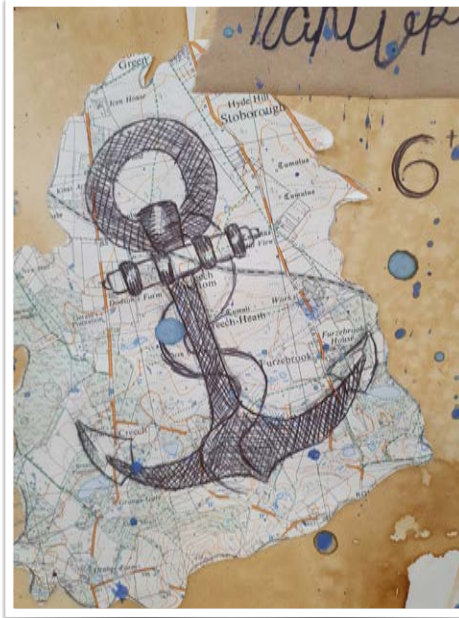
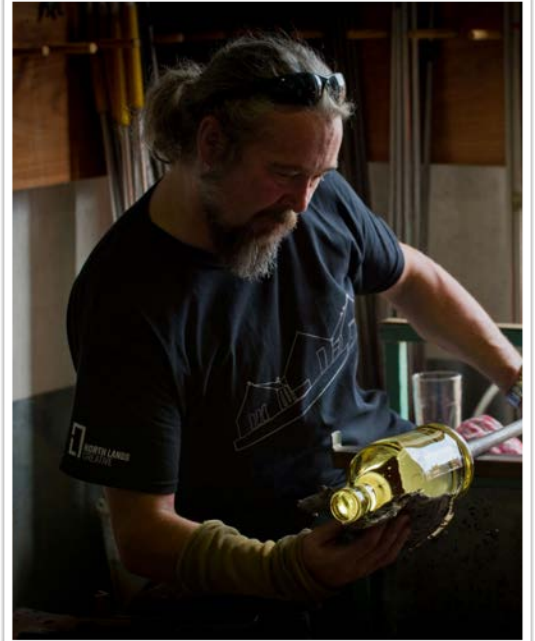
"I am so happy to be a part of this exhibition. English Martyrs have been working with ourselves for a long time now and have built up a very good working relationship." -James Maskrey

On display were pieces that have been inspired by maritime history, voyage and cartography.

Mr. Meynell, Curriculum leader of Art and Design at English Martyrs said: *"We're all incredibly excited to welcome back the Tall Ships in 2023 and their return gives us an opportunity to showcase the remarkable artistic talent we have here in Hartlepool. The exhibition features some extremely talented students working alongside an internationally renowned artist investigating our national maritime history"*.

"I use predominantly hot glass to create factual and imagined objects that often take the form of individual pieces or collections of curiosities. Inspiration comes from many sources. Personal experiences, peculiar facts, elaborate hoaxes and more recently, voyages of discovery, endeavour and exploration all help to inform, whilst a passion for both traditional craft skills and new technologies play an important part in the execution of the work." – James Maskrey





Primary Arts Project

As part of our extensive and exciting transition to Secondary School work Art staff have led an ambitious project of transition. Staff visited 6 Primary schools across Hartlepool working with all year 6 students, 270 students in total.

Schools involved were Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, St Bega's Catholic Primary School, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, St John Vianney, St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School.

Primary Arts 2023, allowed EMS art staff to visit Primary Schools, work alongside Primary staff and for every student to produce an illustrated digital portrait. The project was influenced by the work of British artist Michael Craig Martin encouraging students to explore and experiment with iPads and digital media. Every student involved absolutely loved the experience and really enjoyed being taught by a teacher from their desired Secondary school.

All outcomes will be displayed on the large screens around EMS and each visiting Primary school will receive an official framed Big Draw certificate documenting their participation in the project.

It was a pleasure visiting Year 6, being able to get to know them, work a long side them and start build positive relationships that we aim to enhance when they officially join in September.



Artist in Focus

This term we would like to feature the work and talents of Katie Gray. Katie is a budding A Level Art and Design student with hopes of pursuing Art and Design after her A Levels.

Katie possesses a natural artistic and creative flair that is enabling her work to progress rapidly through her personal investigation into expressive portraiture. Katie is a very talented artist who demonstrates her far reaching skill set across varying media. Katie has been recently featured as artist of the week showcasing her art work across the school and trust.

“I have always loved art since being young, but GCSE made me realise that I want to do it in the future. I have done commissions in the past and enjoyed selling my art work, but at the moment I am focusing on my A Level Art and photography, I am inspired by creative portraiture which is my theme in both subjects”.



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