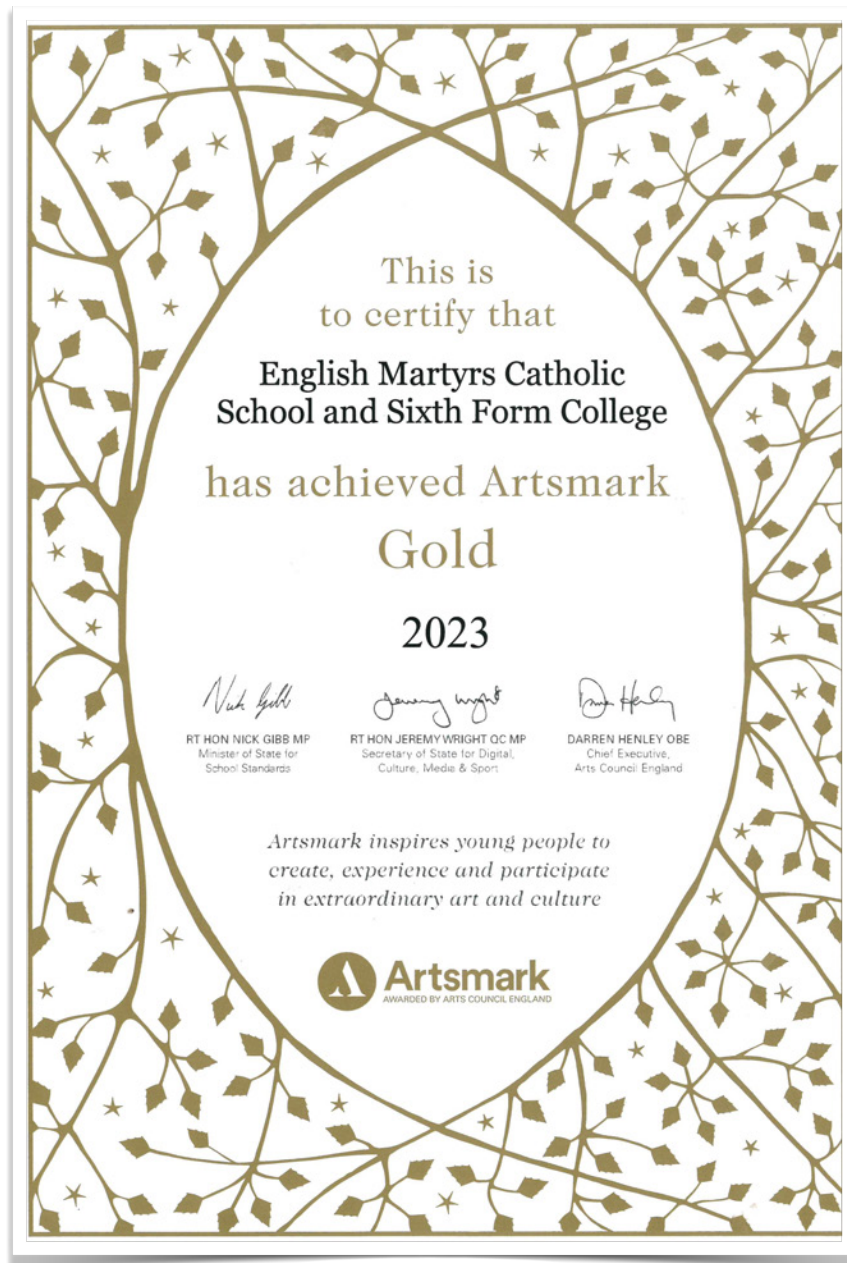


EMS ART & DESIGN

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE ART AND DESIGN NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2023



Once again, the Art department have ensured exciting, vibrant lessons and enrichment this term. We have achieved excellent results at GCSE and A level, led various Primary Arts Projects, achieved Artsmark Gold standard accreditation, visited Barcelona and showcased students' photographic skills in a Bishop Hogarth Trust wide competition.



The Gold standard: Artsmark Accreditation.

English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College receives prestigious Artsmark Award

Pupils and staff at English Martyrs are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award in a momentous year for the programme as it celebrates 20 years of arts, culture and creativity in schools.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

The Artsmark assessor commended “EMS clearly have a long-term commitment to arts and culture which is beginning to have measurable effects on staff and pupils. All pupils can access a diverse and consistent range of arts and cultural provision through work with local arts and cultural organisations, both in school and on visits

outside the classroom, which leads to showcasing in school and the local community”.

On receiving the award, Mrs. Crawshaw, Headteacher said: “We’re extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Gold Award. We are committed to delivering a high-quality arts and cultural education and we look forward to continue to grow with Artsmark.”

Dr Darren Henley CBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said:

“I would like to congratulate English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College on their Artsmark Award. Becoming an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, ambitious, and creative curriculum, every pupil can develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life.”



Record breaking results

English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College is celebrating a record-breaking set of Art and Design results.

The results achieved by year 11 GCSE Art and Design students were above those ever-recorded pre-pandemic in school and the percentage of 9-8 and 9-7 grades was also higher than those of last year.

This year: GCSE

- 21% of grades were 9's
- 40% of grades were 9-8's
- 51% of grades were 9-7's
- 100% of cohort achieved 9-6's

Mr. Meynell said "This is a superb set of GCSE and A Level results and our students should be immensely proud of all they have achieved. For the school, to have surpassed our pre-pandemic GCSE results and to also have recorded 9-8s and 9-7s above last year's figures is a cause for celebration, and my congratulations go to all students, their families and art team staff who have supported them so well during the last couple of years".

Mr. Meynell continues to add "today's results are underpinned by stories of great resilience, co-curricular endeavour, and we know that our consistently outstanding results are not only achieved through outstanding teaching, but also through the broad opportunities students engage in through our all-round education".

A Level headlines across all subjects:

- 100% of cohort achieved A*-C
- 80% of cohort achieved A*-B
- 23% of cohort achieved A* - A

Catholic Trust Annual Primary Arts Project

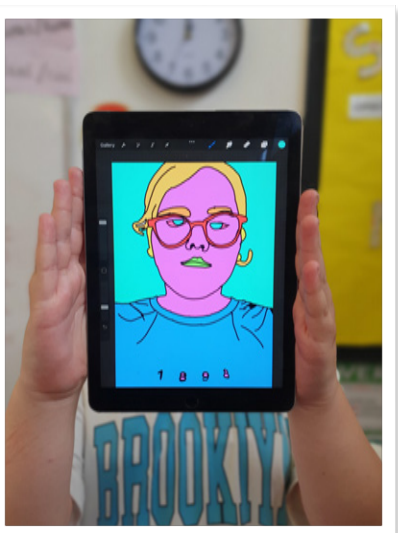
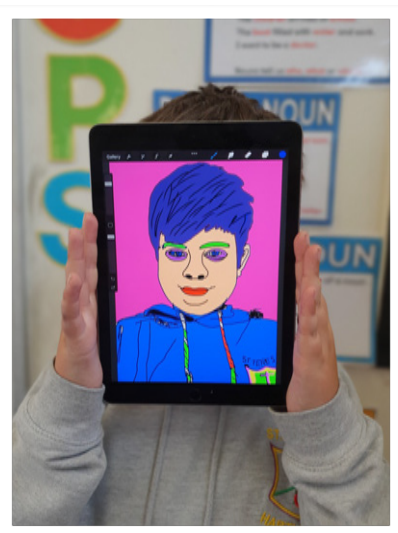
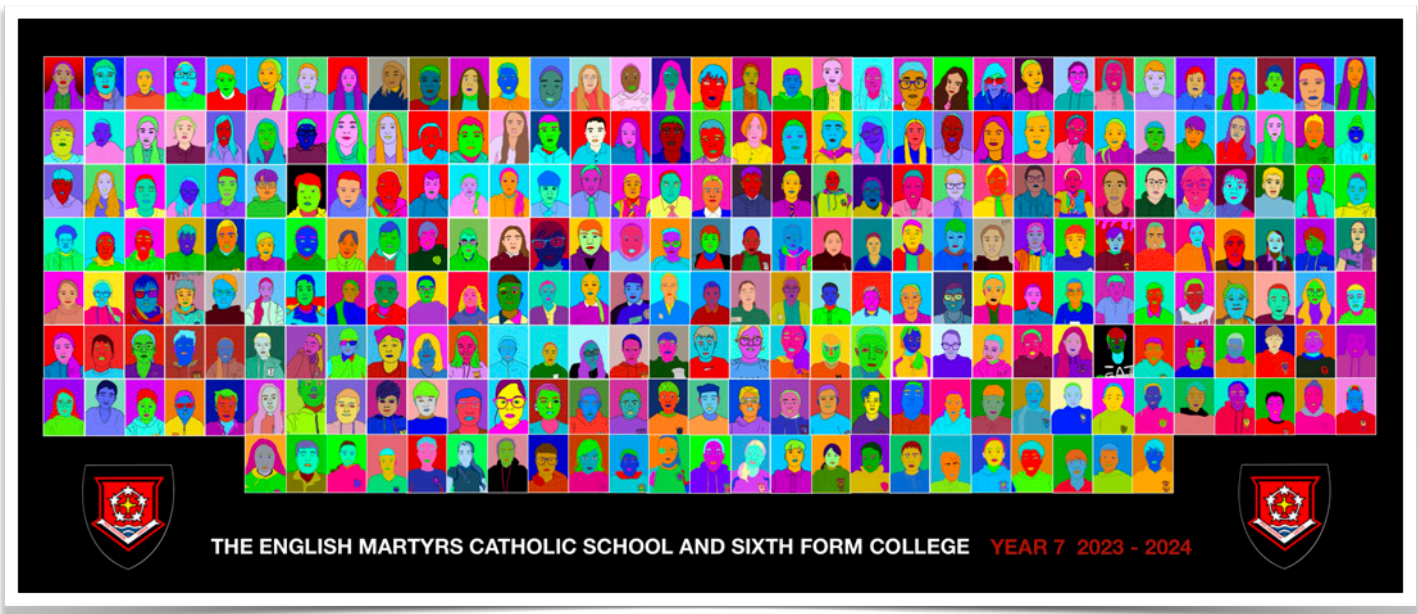
As part of our extensive and dynamic transition to Secondary School Art staff have continued an ambitious project to support Secondary readiness. Staff visited 6 Primary schools across Hartlepool working with all year 6 students, 270 students in total.

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, collaborated with Primary teachers so that every student produced 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 portraits were 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. Large banners were printed to display all students' portraits and are on display in the Art department and the main school building.

It was a pleasure visiting Year 6, being able to get to know them, to work alongside them and give them an insight into what art looks like at EMS.



Celebrating 50 years of EMS

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

Year 5 students from each Partner Primary School worked on the project to creating designs that showcased their school's ethos. All designs were then realised in clay. 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 teamwork.

Final pieces were finally gifted to all visiting Catholic Primary Head teachers for them to take away and display in their schools.



Art Remembrance Art Work

To commemorate this year's Remembrance Day a group of Key Stage 3 SEND students took part in an art and ceramic focussed enrichment group. Accompanied by Miss. Shale students explored various potential designs on paper prior to working with clay. Students experimented with varying shapes, scale and carving methods.

Finally work was left to dry, kiln fired, hand painted and framed and is now displayed in the SEND department.





Key Stage 3 Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust Photography competition

Key stage 3 students were invited to creatively respond to set themes in a Trust wide photography competition. Students responded to the themes of Faith, Perspectives, Portraits, Nature, Identity, Colour, Man-made and Sense of Place.

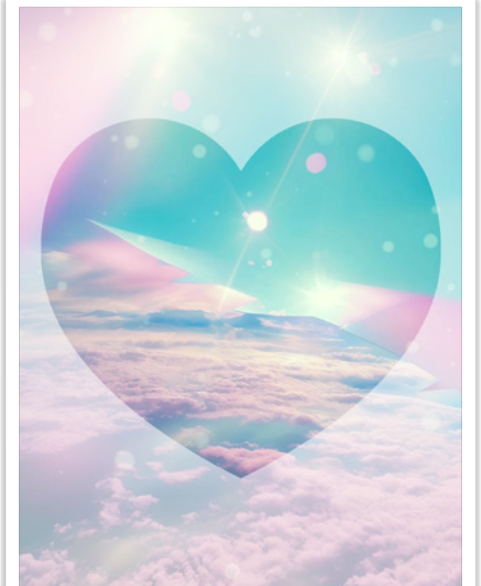
Responses were positive with many students submitting work for the competition. Entries were judged and prizes were awarded to the chosen students. Students selected as finalists were Jack Ord, Charlotte Bage and Millie Palmer. Jack Ord was victorious and won the Sense of Place category receiving a first prize amazon voucher. All work was featured in a trust wide exhibition. The exhibition was held at Our Lady and St. Bede's Catholic Academy Stockton 22nd November.

The event was brilliant with representation from all trust schools championing the time and effort on display.

Jack Ord, winner of Sense of place category



Millie Palmer, finalist in Perspectives category



Charlotte Bage, finalist in Colour category

The Big Draw 2023: Drawing with Senses

The 2023 Big Draw Festival theme #DrawingwithSenses changes the focus from external to internal, exploring the way we personally process the world and internalise our experiences through our senses. This is a great year to look at the 5 basic senses: Touch, Sight, Sound, Taste and Smell and experiment with these and those you are less familiar with to transpose your experiences into creative work and drawings in 2023.

The art department are working with Miss. Shale, an art trained teaching assistant, and SEND students on this project. Students are exploring and experimenting various drawing techniques and approaches whilst taking influence from their senses such as drawing to music, drawing with eyes closed. Students have approached this years theme exceptionally well, feeling inspired, having fun and enjoying the process.



3D Art Workshops

The art department have offered two full day 3D art workshops.

Miss. Bown and Mr. Carless have been working with all year 10 GCSE Art and Design students supporting their portraiture coursework units. Both teachers carefully guided students through the design, build and decoration stages culminating in personal sculptures.

All year 10 GCSE Art and Design students have been exploring and investigating the work of Gustav Klimt and have endeavoured to create ceramic responses.

Miss Bown said "I love being part of such an energetic atmosphere and having that extra time with my year 10's to really explore and refine technique, especially in a practical subject as art, is incredible".

A student said "I was so excited to attend this workshop. We were told well before half term that this was on its way and shown a lot of impressive pieces by current Year 11 students. I learned how to build, form and decorate large scale ceramics. I really enjoyed using all the various types of tools in the ceramic studio to create a detailed and highly decorative sculpture." – Ebony Faith Miller





Christmas Card 2023

We are delighted with the wonderful Christmas card designed by Katie Gray in Year 13.

Katie loves art and is continually developing her talents working in a range of styles and using different media. We were impressed with the work that Katie has been producing over the past two years.

Katie produced this fantastic design using music and lyrics of Christmas carols as a base then incorporated her unique illustrative style onto the music.

The card was sent out far and wide by our Headteacher Mrs Crawshaw. A fantastic effort from Katie who is a really talented student.

Barcelona 2023: Art and Spanish Trip

The Art and Spanish departments took EMS pupils to the vibrant and culturally impressive city of Barcelona. Barcelona is renowned for its art and architecture and is truly an inspiring place to visit. The city was full of opportunities for Spanish students to practice their linguistic skills then put this to the test in real-life situations in the shops and on excursions. Art and Design students to were able to explore the work of artists that lived within the city.

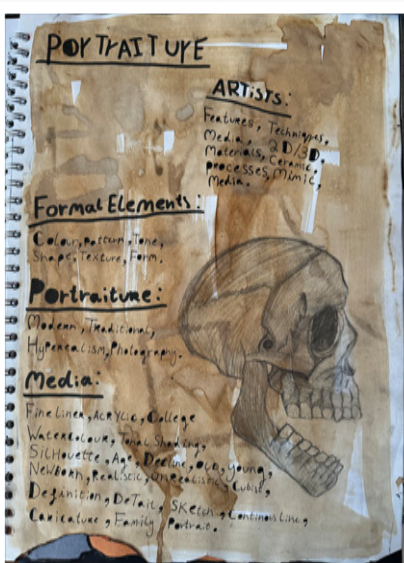
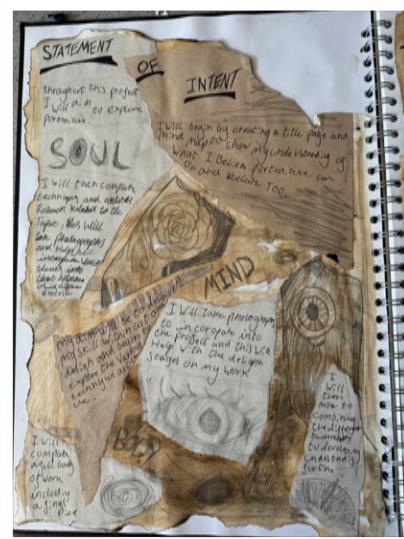
During their trip students explored the Catalan city center and visited works from the likes of Gaudi and Picasso. Students soaked up the local culture along Las Ramblas, photographed and sketched the grandeur of Gaudi's Sagrada Familia, marvelled in the mosaics of Parc Güell and sampled the local tapas cuisine.

Mrs. York said "The trip was a perfect mix of the culture and the social, allowing both Art and Spanish students to really take something meaningful away from the experience".



Artist in Focus

This term we would like to feature the work and talents of Jack T.K. Jack is a budding Year 10 GCSE Art and Design student. Jack has begun Year 10 very well and has produced some brilliant portraiture work so far, inspired by the work of British artist Julian Opie. He is a talented artist and has demonstrated skill and creativity in the presentation in his sketchbook. Over the course of the art and design course, Jack will explore portraiture and produce work in a wide variety of media. We are looking forward to the work that Jack produces in the future. Below is a sample of his year 10 work so far. Well done Jack!



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