

EMS ART & DESIGN

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE ART AND DESIGN NEWSLETTER TERM 3 2024-2025



It's been another busy and exciting term. Students have immersed themselves in their Arts courses, experienced some first-class opportunities, grown in skills, confidence and ability. This term has seen some excellent outreach Primary Arts projects, housed a Year 6 transition week, A Level taster days, showcased GCSE and A Level student work via end of year exhibitions and created a new group of Banksy inspired graffiti artists.

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.

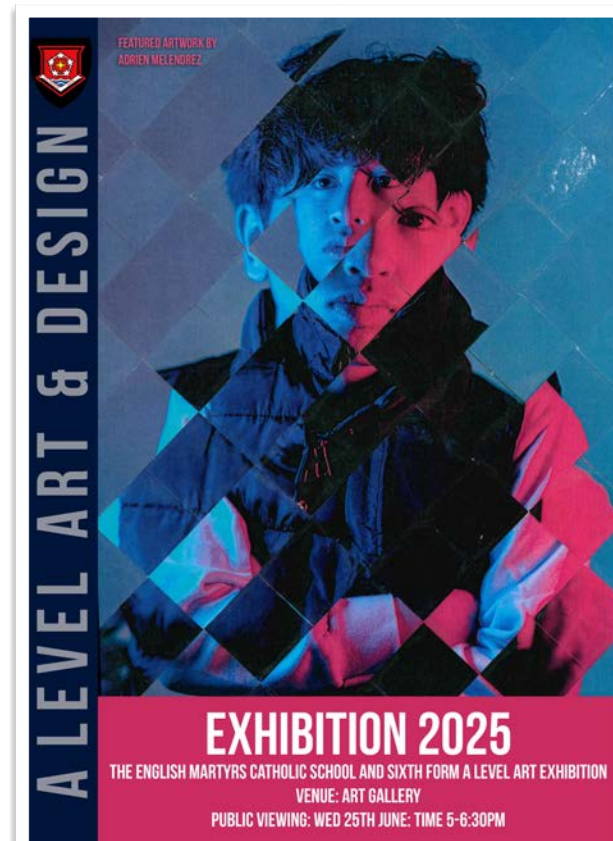
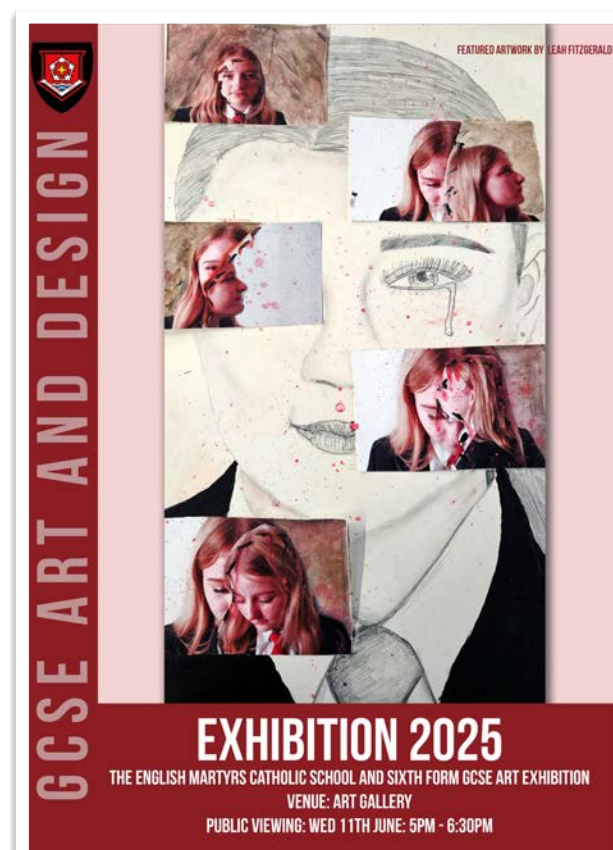
Putting their talents in the spotlight, over 100 students showcased their works from a wide range of courses at the exhibition including Art and Design, Photography, 3D- Design and Graphic Design.

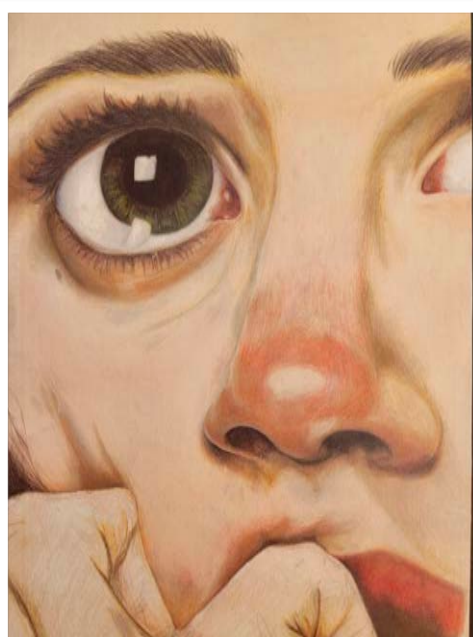
All artists put together breath taking displays to successfully round off their studies. A two-week long exhibition took place in the school gallery allowing pupils, staff, governors, parents/guardians via a public viewing, to enjoy the work.

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.





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, 250 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 Catholic Primary School, St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School.

Primary Arts 2025, 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 Artist **Gustav Klimt** 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.

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.





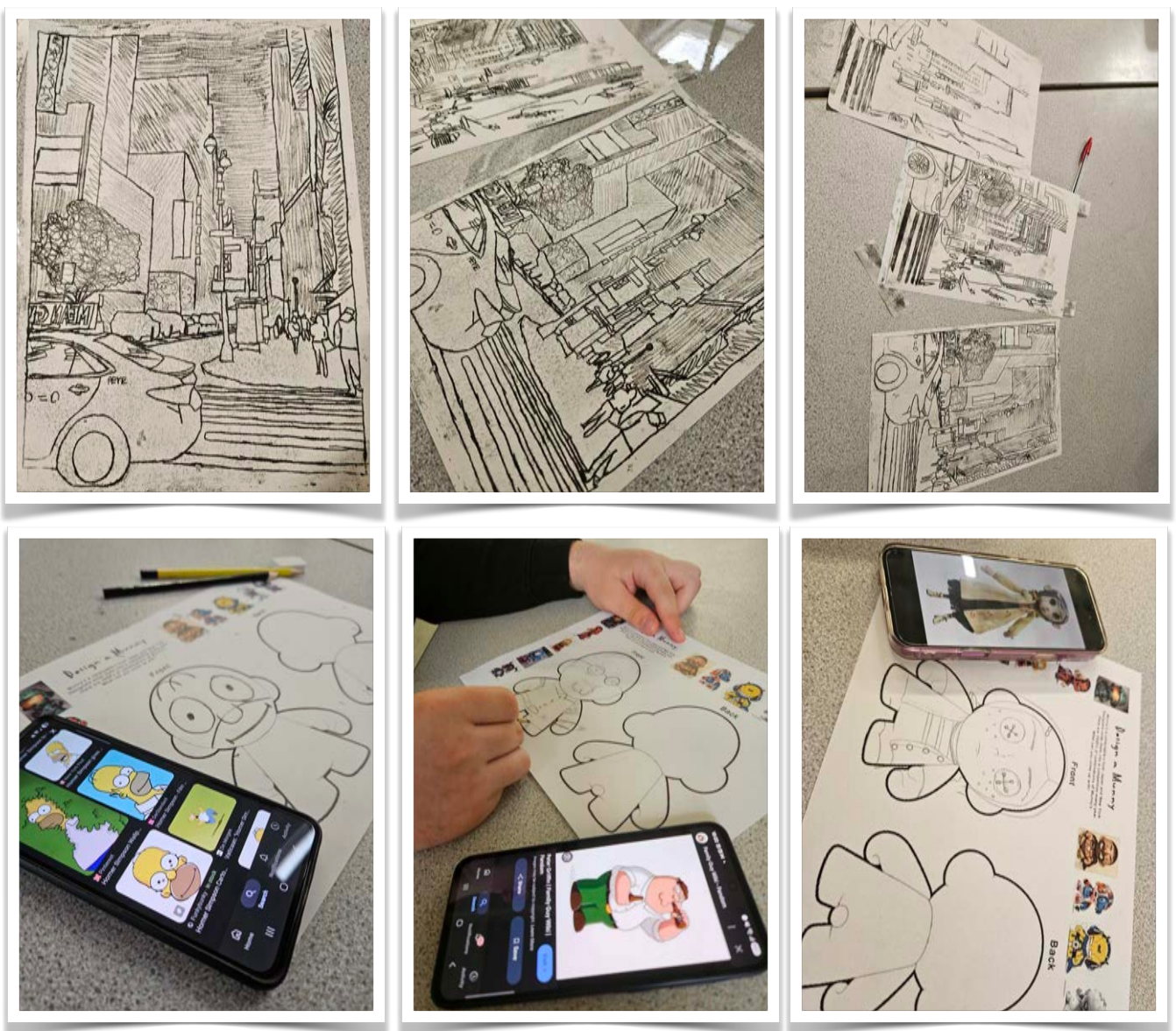
A Level Taster days

It was all about A-Levels for our year 10 and year 11 students as they spent two days trying out A-Level Art subjects that interest them and talking to teachers about their possible future options. The Art A-Level taster events are an exciting opportunity for prospective Sixth Form students to explore their future choices, putting them in the driving seat of their next steps and future career paths.

Students crafted a bespoke timetable of Arts subjects. Students worked across A Level Photography, 3D Art and Employment, Graphic Design and Art, Craft and Design.

Attending the taster sessions gave the students a feel for various Arts course's and the opportunity to meet some of the potential teachers. These are the experts that will support students with their learning throughout their time at English Martyrs Sixth Form College, so it was wonderful to see that all made a great first impression.

Mr. Meynell - "It's a nice way to start building a sense of community right from the start, even before the application process is underway".

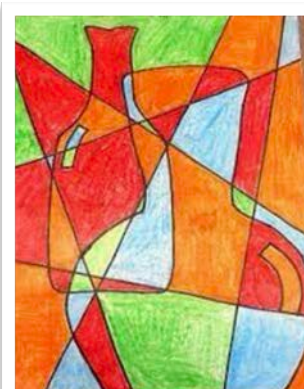


Transition week – Art focus



As part of our EMS year 6 transition offer, visiting Year 6 students got to experience exciting art lessons in the art department too. Students explored different ways of seeing and viewing objects inspired by the work of Cubist Artists. Students explored different drawing techniques and approaches that involved timed activities, from different viewpoints, to produce overlapping imagery. Personal Cubist outcomes were created in a fun and exciting way.

Mr. Meynell- "Taking students on a journey through their work is our business and letting them uncover new ideas and connections as things develop is part of the process". "It is always great to see a student finish at a completely different point than they began, and Cubism is a great way to showcase this".



Year 9 Graffiti

This year we undertook a Graffiti inspired project for a select year 9 group. The project involved students exploring graffiti as an art form, learning about its history, different styles, and techniques, and creating their own graffiti-inspired artwork. These projects often encourage students to consider the social impact of graffiti and to develop their own creative expression through this medium.

All group members designed and created their own individual graffiti wall that was then pieced together to create a larger collaborative piece.

Group members were excited throughout the duration of the project expressing serious enthusiasm. One student said, "it was great to learn about and work in the style of artists who might be considered to be vandals or criminals" and "I now understand the difference between rubbish tags you find outside of shops compared to the skilful large scale stencil artwork some street artists work in".

All work was showcased in the Art gallery at the end of the project.





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