

The Art department envisions developing both the academic and cultural aspects of a student's life. We aim to develop the girls in our lessons into confident individuals who can use the power of the visual language to explore issues, ideologies and situations in a variety of ways. As girls progress through the key stages we aim to develop and engender key learning habits (in particular Risk Taking and Perseverance) in order to create a learning experience in Art that the girls will find informative and memorable. We wish to develop students who will be able to explore and respond to all manner of influences during their work in the department, in a creative way. They will engage with this and develop in a disciplined manner at all times while retaining their individuality. The department continues to grow from strength to strength in all of the above aspects.

## **The aims and values of the department**

- All students are treated equally regardless of their innate skills in the subject or their qualities as performers.
- That respect and recognition for the student's work in class is at the core of the student's confidence development in the subject.
- To expose the students to a large variety of techniques and skills so that they can specialise in particular elements of the subject.
- To enable students to place the work within the social, cultural, political or historical context within which it is placed.
- To enable students to learn a variety of skills that will give them a large amount of creative freedom in their emerging work.
- To develop our students into effective and reflective practitioners.
- To teach skills and habits in a variety of contexts and not 'isolation tasks' so that students can apply these skills in a number of situations and become more flexible learners.