

## The Creative Arts Curriculum

Creativity and creative thinking are fundamental to the future economic well-being of our city and our nation. Many employers cite creativity - that ability to think outside of the box and to innovate as one of the key life-skills that they look for in graduates over and above a good degree. We believe that the creative arts of art, music, drama, and dance are an essential part of development for the children of COLPAI. Sitting at the heart of one of the great cultural capitals of the world, we believe it to be their heritage and their entitlement. For this reason, one of the key components of our new school will be a focus on culture and the creative arts, including art, music, dance and drama. We will ensure our curriculum and extended school day fully exploits opportunities to extend and enrich children's cultural experience and appreciation of their city.

### Art and Design

Creative excellence is often epitomised in works of art, craft, architecture and design. At COLPAI we highly value creativity and innovation and our art and design programme aims to engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.

As pupils progress into KS2, we aim to develop a more rigorous understanding and appreciation of art incorporating higher order skills of analysis, critical thinking, reasoning and evaluation. Our programme of study provides opportunities for pupils to:

- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles, 3D work, printing, collage and computer generated art
- Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- Now about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

The City and Islington has one of the highest concentrations of arts and cultural venues and COLPAI will optimise opportunities to access this rich resource as part of its creative curriculum to ignite children's imaginations and make learning vivid and real.

### Music

Music is a key part of our curriculum at COLPAI and as such, children will have the opportunity to participate fully in a wide range of musical activities and experiences. We aim to engage and inspire pupils' self-confidence, creativity, sense of achievement and talent as musicians through our programme of study, which follows the national curriculum guidance for each key stage. Pupils will have experience of:

- Performing, listening to, reviewing and evaluating music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians.

- Learning to sing and to use their voices, creating and composing music both individually and with others, using technology appropriately and having the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence.
- Understanding and exploring how music is created produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and using appropriate musical notations.
- Composing using instruments, including composing for film and song writing.

It is our aim that COLPAI children will leave school musically skilled, have a deeper understanding of and appreciation for different musical genres and ultimately, a love of music.

Many parents have expressed a strong interest in their child having the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument, and the school is highly committed to exploring opportunities to provide specialist musical teaching.