

St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls

Artist in Residence

Appointing an Artist in Residence (AIR) to St. Anne's will play a key role in supporting students to bring their inner leader and writer into partnership.

This role aims to facilitate students' readiness to access their inner knowing and feel empowered with self-leadership, heightened authenticity, deeper connection to self, and an inner compass to navigate the challenges that life brings.

The Future ...

St. Anne's is appointing an **Artist in Residence**, initially for a period of two years (starting September 2024). This person will be a practicing artisan, have a love of working with young people and be passionate about inspiring young minds to explore pathways and progressions to a career within the creative and cultural industries.

Our **Artist in Residence** will offer a unique collaborative opportunity for our students to experience hands-on, minds-on learning.

our Mission...

- To raise the status and value of the creative arts in education.
 Why? The creative industries are one of the fastest growing economic sectors in the UK, responsible for 5.6% of jobs, and worth £76.9bn to the UK economy. We want our students equipped to access this
 - growing sector.

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- 3. To ensure our students access an enriching arts curriculum.

 Why? Students will learn how to set their own agenda, to make independent decisions, to be brave in exposing their creations and in accepting feedback. Doing so will make our students self-starters and contribute to the development of their emotional intelligence.



St. Anne's Artist in Residence will...

- Facilitate partnerships within St. Anne's and with artists from a variety of professions within the creative sector, which will include, but is not exclusive to:
 - Architecture.
 - Fine arts painting, sculpture, crafts etc.
 - Design products.
 - Film, TV, radio and photography.
- Through the delivery of workshops and small group input there will be:
 - An increase in students' skill acquisition in using new tools and materials.
 - An increase in students' critical thinking, problem solving and creativity skills.
 - An increase in students' confidence and self-esteem.

St. Anne's Staff will benefit by...

- Gaining a deeper understanding of how to access and use a range of creative practices to develop a richer and even more dynamic curriculum.
- Gaining a greater understanding of the breadth of the creative and cultural industries and associate pathways and progression routes for our students.



Quotes from those with an Artist in Residence...

"They provide an opportunity to upskill staff, as well as students, to improve the school's arts offer.

Providing regular access to a professional artist supports students' understanding of creative careers,
and encourages young people to pursue these interests."

Headteacher

"Students have become more committed in wanting to pursue creative learning and careers.

A number have joined other co-curricular arts and fashion projects."

Curriculum Lead







Job Description...

Working Arrangements: 3 days a week Remuneration: Competitive

Main Duties and Key Responsibilities:

- Inspire students by enabling them to observe you at work on your own art projects.
- Working with the Art Department, provide a programme of support for the A Level Art students so that they have one-to-one input to ensure they can have in-depth discussions/critique of their work.
- Support students to build a strong portfolio for application to foundation diploma in Art and Design.
- Regularly contribute to our school's social media platforms and *The Review*, our school's newsletter. Ensuring that the St. Anne's Learning Family are up to date on all art events and creative opportunities.
- Lead on ensuring students' work is showcased and celebrated.
- Act as an advisor to students on further studies in art and facilitate college visits.
- To identify students to be members of the VIA group (Very Important Artists) within each Year group.
- Mentoring and encouraging independent production of individual art works with this group and others.
- Organising enrichment activities for Art students. For example, demonstrating new techniques or arranging trips to places of interest.
- To be involved in the annual exhibition of students' work and ensuring that VIA work is represented.
- Lead on critique sessions with A Level students aiming to promote discussion and critical awareness of their own and each other's work.
- To promote discussion and broaden awareness within the school, but particularly in examination classes about what art is, can be and should be.

Please note: The Artist in Residence (AIR) is asked to donate one piece of work at the end of their tenure which would form part of their legacy to the school and be part of a permanent display.

Person Specification...

- Be a practising artist.
- Have a portfolio of at least 5 pieces of work shared digitally as part of the application process.
- Be a qualified teacher or experience of working in a school and working with students across all Key Stages.
- Confident with working with students at Key Stage 5 and have a track record of success at doing so.
- Supportive of the Catholic Ethos of the school.
- Working knowledge of Health and Safety.
- Understand the importance of Safeguarding students.

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