



**AYLESFORD
SCHOOL**

ART

AMBASSADORS NEWSLETTER

We launched our new Art Ambassadors club in November 2024 with the aim to bring together students across all year groups, to give them the opportunity to work on collaborative whole school and community based Art projects. Students completed an application form to explain why they would be the ideal candidate for the role, and we were inundated with applications! After final selection, we appointed a total of 34 Art Ambassadors in Years 7-13! Each Ambassador was given a badge to celebrate their role.

The group meets every Wednesday after school and have planned out various ideas for projects they would like to work on, as well as being given set briefs. It has given students in different year groups a chance to make friends, but also learn from one another and share ideas.

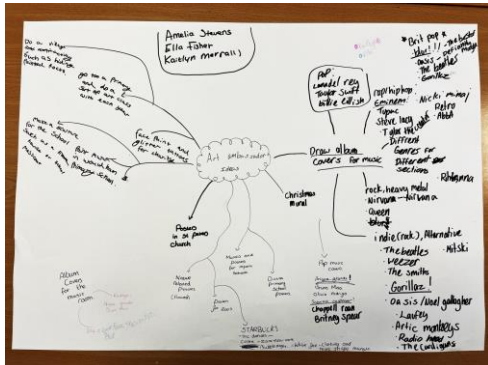
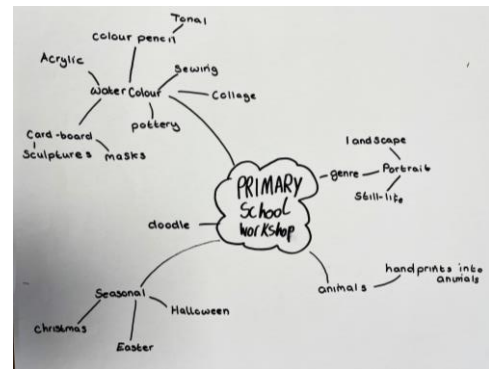


THIS YEAR'S PROJECTS

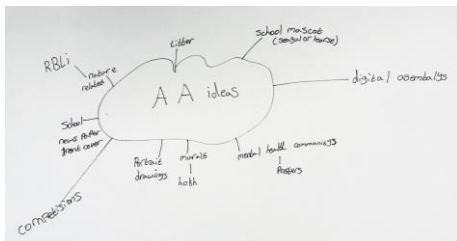
- Mental Health Art Club – which is led by two of our Year 9 students and takes place every Thursday
- Christmas/ Winter themed Art and Photography display at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Aylesford
- The Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show competition
- Collaborative mural with Sandling Primary School
- Mural design for the Creative Arts block
- Art work displays for the Music Department at Aylesford School



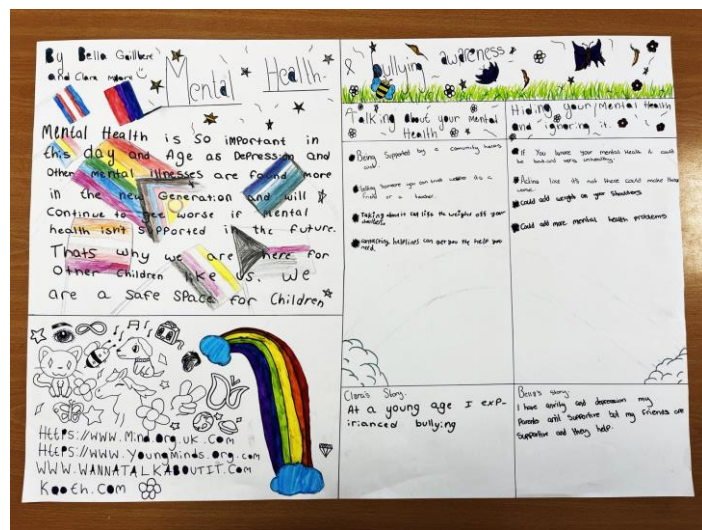
PLANNING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



We started the year by planning out some ideas for projects the Art Ambassadors were keen to work on. Some ideas were linked to subjects they enjoyed, others were based on current issues which were important to them; such as mental health and the encouragement of self expression through Art.



Bella and Clara in Year 9 came up with the brilliant idea to introduce a student led Art club for all year groups, to help encourage those who might be struggling with their mental health. The club meets on Thursdays and provides a safe space to learn new skills, create Art and meet others. Art can be a fantastic way to express yourself and provides an outlet for frustration and emotions. The girls should be commended for their amazing work in giving their time to lead this club.



MIND THROUGH ART

Thursday			
Girls Football – All Years	PE	Field	After school
Girls Fitness Club	PE	Fitness Suite	Afterschool
Cheerleading	PE	Gym	Afterschool
Year 11 Pickle Ball	PE	Sports Hall	Lunch
Music Tech and Piano	Mr Hawkes	Music Dep	Lunch
Mind Through Art – All Years	Art	Wi6	Afterschool

WINTER DISPLAY



For our annual Christmas Concert at St Peter & St Paul's Church in Aylesford village, the Art Ambassadors collaborated with Music and English, who were already performing a music and poetry feast for the local community, by creating a display of Art and Photography work for the church. Our work was 'Winter and Christmas' themed and students took inspiration from a range of popular imagery and outdoor winter scenes.



RA SUMMER SHOW



The Royal Academy of Arts run an Art competition every year with an open theme, so that students can create Art work in any media on a topic of their choice. We had 17 entries from our students at Aylesford School this year, including 15 from our Art Ambassadors.

There were a whopping 23,000 entries from Primary and Secondary School students across the country, and although our students were not selected, they received a certificate to celebrate their efforts. Their work has also been presented as a reel on our school's Art Instagram page.

Congratulation to our students listed below for their amazing efforts. Here is a small selection of their Art work. Please see our Instagram page for a full preview!

WORK IN PROGRESS

Tom Shewan, *Vaas*
 Amy Staple, *The Crown That Weighs Heavy*
 Henry Knight, *Pure Imaginative Madness*
 Kaitlyn Merralls, *Rose*
 Katie Payne, *Contrasting Colours*
 Izabella Brown, *Stars make me happy*
 Ella Fisher, *Imperfect Love*
 Lily Rodmell, *Wavy Hair*
 Evie Turnbull, *Mermaid*
 Jovi Chambers, *Moose*
 Lillie Bray, *Mia*
 Grace Cripps, *Hollywood Classics*
 Poppy Parker, *Travel*
 Shagun Goswami, *Ethereal Damnation*
 Rebekah Musunga, *Inside Colour*
 Matthew Kessel, *Lava Dragon*
 Amelia Adamson, *The sun goes down on the city*



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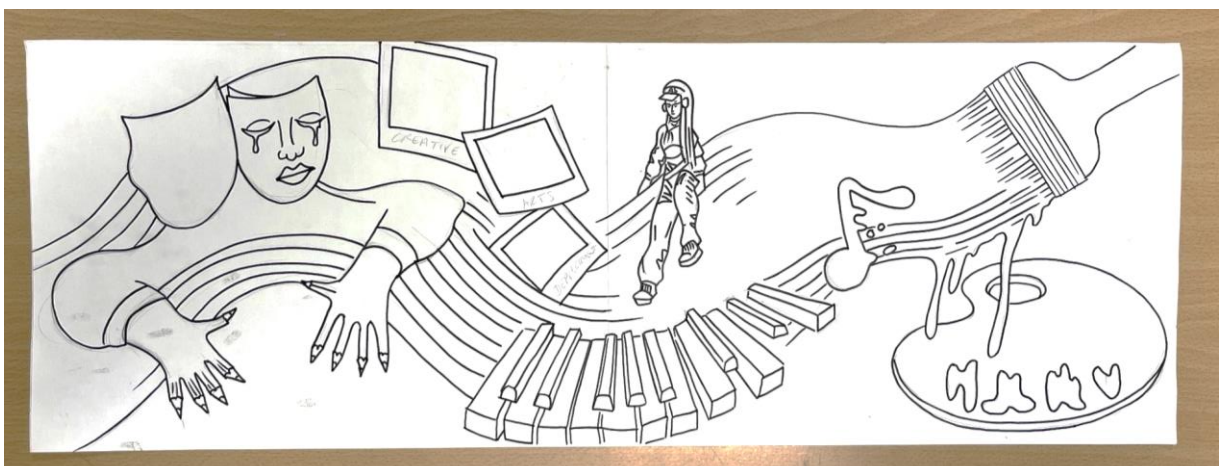
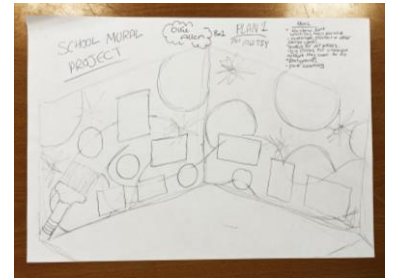
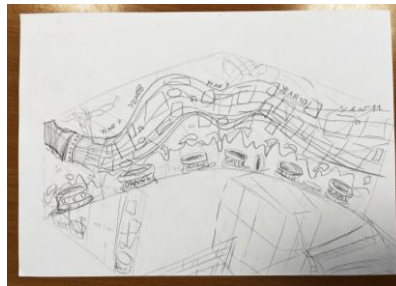


CREATIVE ARTS MURAL

The Creative Arts block has a wonderful blank canvas for our new mural design! Students have worked together to come up with individual designs to represent the 5 subjects of Creative Arts: Art, Photography, Music, Drama & Dance. These have been combined into initial plans for the mural which will wrap around the top stairwell wall of Wimbledon block.



CONCEPTS TO FINAL PLAN



SANDLING PRIMARY SCHOOL MURAL

Our Art Ambassadors are teaming up with Sandling Primary School to create a series of panels for their reception area, to celebrate each of their school values. Students have researched each word to find the meaning, and then developed an illustration which they felt best represents each word. They worked in teams of 2-3 to create their designs, and will be working in small groups with the students from Sandling Primary School to paint the panels next academic year!



- PROBLEM SOLVER
 - RESILIENT
 - ADVENTUROUS
 - CREATIVE
 - TEAMWORK
 - INDEPENDENT
 - SELF-ASSURED
 - ESTEEM
- To make the backgrounds interesting, we have discussed using background colours which reflect each word and its meaning where possible. Some words have colour blends to also reflect the meaning of the word, e.g. problem solver (red = wrong and green = right).

Our aim is to not only bring together the students from the two schools, but to enable our students to develop leadership skills which will help them in the future.

WHAT'S NEXT?

A big thank you to all our Art Ambassadors this year for your AMAZING work! We are looking forward to painting our Creative Arts block mural, as well as working on some other mural ideas in Science and English which are in the pipeline. We also look forward to welcoming students from Sandling Primary School to start work on their mural panels in September. We have more competition opportunities in 2025-26 and the chance to lead some Art workshops with various year groups at Sandling Primary School.

JOIN THE TEAM!

If you are creative and would love to have the opportunity to work on lots of big whole school/ community projects, join the Art Ambassador team!

Come and see Miss Young in W17 to complete an application form and sign up.