



## HESSLE FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS



### HESSLE HIGH SCHOOL

#### ARTS POLICY

**Effective Date:** May 2010

**Date of minuted approval by the governing body:** 13 May 2010

**Review Committee:** Curriculum and Standards

**Review Date:** May 2012

#### **Purpose/Rationale**

This policy defines the school's position in relation to the provision of arts education and related opportunities. The aims of the Arts Policy are formulated to reflect the aims of the National Curriculum and Every Child Matters Framework and to echo the wider aims of the school, to provide every child with a varied and stimulating education within a supportive environment which values and celebrates hard work and success.

At Hessle High School we believe that creativity develops a sense of individual fulfilment, allowing the development of a sense of identity, creating a feeling of wellbeing and enhancing self-esteem. We aim to challenge and inspire our students, staff and community by providing opportunities for them to access a full range of arts activities.

#### **Definition**

As a school, our use of the term "the arts" refers to visual arts, performing arts, language arts, craft, design and media arts.

#### **A Statement of Policy on the Arts and Arts Education**

##### **Hessle High School**

- Believes in the value and importance of the arts.
- Is committed to allowing all students the chance to engage with a range of art forms in order to give students opportunities for self-expression, personal development and academic success.
- Allows students to develop abilities in order to be able to engage with, enjoy, create and evaluate art works – both at school, and throughout their lives.
- Encourages student involvement in the arts and gives students the opportunity to share their work with others.
- Seeks to provide students with an understanding of the arts in society.
- Endeavours to promote and develop opportunities for student involvement in arts-based activities.

To this end, planned and co-ordinated curriculum opportunities are delivered in a range of art forms, and an increasing range of extra-curricular opportunities is available to all students.

#### **Objectives of the Arts Policy**

##### **To achieve these aims we will:**

- Provide an Arts curriculum of quality, range and depth, which is enriched with opportunities for cross-curricular work and self-directed study and provides all students with opportunities to access the four art forms (art and design, dance, drama and music) as part of the curriculum at KS3.

- Offer students the choice of taking an arts subject at KS4 and KS5, leading to certification and make available, to all students, even those who have not chosen to take an arts subject at KS4 or 5 a varied range or regular opportunities to participate in arts activities.
- Ensure that teachers of the arts have opportunities for continuing professional development in order to both keep abreast of developments within the arts and maintain their own creative practice.
- Offer all students chances to work with arts professionals and to experience work which has been created by professional practitioners.
- Provide opportunities for students to develop confidence, maturity and independence through participation in the arts.
- Provide well-planned and -resourced regular opportunities for students to engage with and learn about a range of cultures.
- Give all pupils regular opportunities to share and celebrate their work with others, which in turn will create chances for the wider community of the school – parents, staff, governors, local primary schools – to have access to our arts programme, through performances, workshops, concerts and the internet.

**We will ensure that our programme of arts education continues to evolve by reviewing and developing this policy on an annual basis, with a nominated member of staff undertaking an audit of arts provision at the end of each term, ensuring that provision is monitored and developed. In addition to this each arts department within the school is driven forward by an improvement plan which is regularly reviewed and updated.**