



Curriculum Statement – Design & Technology

Design & Technology is a subject that enables students to develop fundamentally important skills that allow them to express their creativity, demonstrate practical abilities and enhance their academic progress.

In D&T at St Ives School, students gain valuable insights into the work of designers and creative professionals by responding to realistic briefs as part of schemes of learning that are completed over an extended time frame. They complete projects using a variety of designing techniques and utilise resistant materials within the contexts of an investigative and iterative approach to designing. An emphasis on innovative thinking, collaboration, problem solving, and high-quality practical outcomes reinforce the necessary theoretical aspects of the curriculum and ensure that the key concepts of the subject are understood as part of a 'hands-on' and enjoyable experience.

As a truly cross-curricular subject, D&T supports the sciences, mathematics, humanities and the arts as well as providing opportunities for enrichment activities where students can further develop life skills and gain a deeper understanding of the natural and built environments around them.

"Design is not just what it looks like and feels like. Design is how it works."

Steve Jobs