

Gifted and Talented in Art

Recording

-  Purchase a good-quality sketchbook. Encourage your son to use this for a variety of materials – collage, textiles, photographs, as well as for drawing.
-  Encourage your son to make their own sketchbooks from found paper/ hand made paper.
-  Any images of interest could be kept in a scrapbook. Building up this kind of resource may give you a better overview of where your son's interests lie.
-  Wallpaper lining paper provides a plentiful and cheap medium on which to draw and paint.
-  Encourage work from first hand (real) sources and provide a pocket sketchpad to record experiences spontaneously wherever and whenever (on day trips, holidays etc)
-  Similarly, encourage work from the imagination: maybe they could draw a dream, a memory or illustrate a favourite passage from a book or poem.
-  Look to create work over long periods of time, rather than in one sitting – able artists sometimes take longer over a project as they produce a more sophisticated response.
-  Provide a rich environment with many stimuli to fire the imagination and prompt themes for development.
-  Make available a good-quality camera, if financially possible. This gives an immediate route to a composition. A digital camera allows amendment to composition in a creative way.

Artists

-  Make visits to as many art galleries and museums as possible (see useful websites list).
-  Support any opportunities for your son to work alongside others of similar interest and abilities. Investigate sessions at galleries and museums, summer schools and weekend art courses. A residential experience can be particularly beneficial.
-  For older children, consider additional opportunities through evening classes.
-  Encourage your son to save images that they like from newspapers and magazines in a file or sketchbook. Also collect articles relating to art.
-  Spend time just browsing through books and magazines in the art section of your local library; large bookshops (like Waterstones or Borders), and museums and galleries tend to have fantastic selections of books on art.

- 🎨 Check Gallery and Museum websites, as many hold workshops at weekends or in the holidays eg. Young Tate- What's On; Victoria and Albert Museum – Activities and Events

Exploring Materials

- 🎨 Create opportunities for three-dimensional work such as modelling, sculpture and constructional activities.
- 🎨 Have a box of odds and ends that are reserved for art projects (see what you can save from the rubbish bin!)
- 🎨 Give support during tricky times as the able artist will inevitably go through frustrating periods. There will be times when technical ability will lag behind ideas.
- 🎨 Be prepared to accept a mess when your son is working at home. Beneficial activities are not always neat and tidy!
- 🎨 Make sufficient space available for particular activities.

Finished Art work

- 🎨 Share work that is done privately at home with the teachers at school. Create a real partnership.
- 🎨 Encourage the display of work around the house. This 'celebration' is very important.
- 🎨 Look for art competitions for your child to enter, both nationally and locally.
- 🎨 In school we display information we receive about courses, competitions etc on a noticeboard in the Art corridor.
- 🎨 Encourage your child to open up work to frank and vigorous comment from teachers and other experts. This can be a sensitive area. Comments during the developmental stage of a piece of work are especially valuable.

Useful websites to explore

Art Junction	www.artjunction.org
Artcyclopedia	www.artcyclopedia.com
Artlex	www.artlex.com
24 Hour Museum	www.24hourmuseum.org.uk
LK Perrella	www.lkperrella.com

Crafts Council	www.craftscouncil.org.uk
Design Museum	www.designmuseum.org/
Hayward Gallery	www.hayward.org.uk/
British Museum	www.britishmuseum.org/
Horniman Museum	www.horniman.ac.uk/
Destination Modern Art	www.moma.org/destination/
Red Studio	http://redstudio.moma.org/
National Gallery	www.nationalgallery.org.uk/
National Portrait	www.npg.org.uk
Serpentine Gallery	www.serpentinegallery.org/index.html
Whitechapel Art Gallery	www.whitechapel.org/
Tate Gallery	www.tate.org.uk/
Tate Kids	www.tate.org.uk/kids/
Young Tate	www.tate.org.uk/youngtate/
Saatchi Gallery	www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk/
Stuart Saatchi	www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk/stuart/
BBC Schools –Art	www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/11_16/site/art.shtml
Victoria and Albert Museum	www.vam.ac.uk/