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## *Re: Festival of School and College Arts*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to invite you to join with us on **28th May 2021** to celebrate the vital role of the arts in our schools and colleges around the country, and to celebrate the fantastic artwork created by the students at Urmston Grammar.

This event will take place on Twitter using the hashtag **#EduArtsFest** – we want to fill the platform with the voices of children and young people in sharing artwork created over the last 12 months.

After over a year of despair and disruption, we want to get back to the creativity and joy which forms such an important part of education. One of the first changes we could see in public as a result of the various lockdowns was rainbows going up in windows. Created by children to support the NHS and care workers, these little bursts of joy created instant community on our streets. Families came together to express compassion with a symbol of hope. The increase in arts and creativity across the country is itself a symbol of hope. Anyone in education knows we so often must make the case for the value of arts and creative activities. The lockdowns gave us a chance to recognise their value – now and moving forward.

The Festival of School and College Arts is a joint initiative between ASCL and the Association of Colleges (AoC), Confederation of School Trusts (CST), the Independent Schools Council (ISC), National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), the NASUWT teachers' union, National Education Union (NEU), the National Governance Association (NGA), and the Sixth Form Colleges Association (SFCA). The festival is also being supported by the Cultural Learning Alliance which champions a right to arts and culture for every child.

The Art, Design & Photography department at UGS wants to encourage staff, parents, and the whole school/college community to share and retweet our posts using the hashtag **#EduArtsFest**.

Our social media accounts are:

**Instagram:** [@urmston\\_grammar\\_art](https://www.instagram.com/urmston_grammar_art)

**Twitter:** [@UGS\\_Art](https://twitter.com/UGS_Art)

Please give us a follow and promote our fantastic students' artwork!

Yours sincerely,

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