

Quotes on art

Art in schools shouldn't be sidelined... it should be right there right up in the front because I think art teaches you to deal with the world around you. It is the oxygen that makes all the other subjects breathe

Alan Parker, filmmaker

School in general is so stressful... this is the one lesson I look forward to every week because I know it's not going to majorly stress me out.

Student, Three Rivers Academy, Surrey

[School is] all very robotic. It's all very, it needs to be this, this and this. You can't do this because it is wrong. It's all following a strict script. That's not what we're made to do. We're made to be our own person, we're made to go off and do something that someone else hasn't done before.

Student, Ark Helenswood, Hastings

Creativity is critical thinking and without it how are you going to open up and ask harder questions? Art opens up those... possibilities to think beyond what we already know.

Catherine Opie, artist

You don't have innovation if you don't have arts. It's as simple as that

Anne-Marie Imafidon, CEO of Stemettes which encourages girls to pursue careers in science and technology