

News from the Art Department
Cultural Olympiad at Hallfield School
Turning a Blank Canvas into Amazing Masterpieces

Enjoying the excitement of the upcoming Olympics the Art Department wants to get in on the act. In the wake of Rolf Harris and the famous quote *'Can you tell what it is yet?!*' we shall be working on a number of large canvases to reproduce masterpieces from all sections of the art world.

If you can recall, Rolf Harris set this up a number of years ago. The BIG EVENT was originally set in London, Rolf led nearly 150 artists including school children, doctors, train drivers, botanists, and a few famous faces, to re-create Constable's masterpiece. The teams of artists only had a day to complete their canvas – which all came together to make the 144 piece jigsaw. During the course of the day, visitors to Trafalgar Square were also be given the chance to get involved in the creation of the painting and help Rolf by trying their hand at painting some of the canvases.

Mrs Culek decided that we could recreate this concept by allocating famous masters to each of the Upper School classes to be painted during lessons in the Spring and Summer Terms. The canvas will be sectioned into 5x4 rectangles and the painting shall commence!

Pupils will be amazed at what collective creativity can reproduce. As we celebrate the Olympics in London, we want to celebrate our efforts as artists. Celebrating the Cultural Olympiad at Hallfield will result in a fabulous exhibition at the end of the Summer Term where you can see your contributions on show.

- 12 A1 canvases of masterpieces recreated by **children** in Upper School during their lessons

- 3 canvases to be painted by **adults** in the following categories.
 1. Open for Administrative and non-teaching members of staff
 2. Teachers
 3. Parents

To involve as much of the school community as we can, a section of the library will be allocated to all non-teaching members of staff and parents to collect their piece of the jigsaw from Alison Gilmartin (Headmaster's PA). Children visiting the library will be able to see the image growing slowly over a period of time.

Come in and make an appointment to paint a section! Your child would be so proud of your contribution. There are only 20 spaces to be filled unless you work as a pair!

In addition to the painting, we shall focus on photography too. Pupils will have the opportunity to enter a Photographic competition on the theme of ***Life at Hallfield*** (selected photographs to take part in the SATIPS *photography competition with in MAY 2012*).

We look forward to celebrating the Cultural Olympiad with you,

Sharon Culek
Head of Upper School Art