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NSEAD are shaping the new 2028 Art & Design Curriculum for GCSE learners in England.

Michele Gregson, General Secretary & CEO of the National Society for Education in Art & Design, has been contracted by the Department for Education (DfE) as lead drafter, helping to draft the new National Curriculum programmes of study for Art & Design and to review GCSE subject content.

Michele is working alongside Paula Briggs (AccessArt) and Dr Will Grant (University of the West of England), who will be drafting Key Stage 3 and responsible for transition, and Kaytie Holdstock (University of Worcester), who will lead drafting of the Key Stage 1-2 curriculum.

NSEAD will be responding to the recommendations of the Curriculum and Assessment Review published in November 2025 and using their expertise as a professional association for art, craft and design educators across the UK to shape an Art & Design curriculum that reflects our diverse society and the contributions of people of all backgrounds to our knowledge and culture.

Michele Gregson says:

‘The Curriculum and Assessment Review set out a clear principle for the refreshed national curriculum, that it must provide “an aspirational, engaging and demanding offer that reflects the high expectations and excellence our young people deserve, irrespective of background.” We will hold this ambition as our standard, as we work to implement the recommendations of the review.’

Andy Ash, NSEAD President, says:

‘As President of NSEAD, I am delighted to support this vital and influential work. Michele’s leadership ensures that the new curriculum will champion contemporary, and high-quality art and design education, empowering teachers and enriching the creative lives of pupils across the country.’

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

The National Society for Education in Art & Design (NSEAD) is a combined trade union, learned society and professional association for art, craft & design educators across the UK.

NSEAD have been championing the subject of art, craft and design education since 1888: protecting, inspiring and supporting art teachers at all levels. Their membership community includes primary and secondary art teachers, student and early career teachers, researchers, arts and culture learning teams, and organisations.

NSEAD offer exclusive resources, professional development and a supportive community for their members.

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