Which Artists: Merlin Evans

By Merlin Evans

Merlin Evans is an Award Winning Medical Artist and Director of <u>Drawn To Medicine</u>. In this post Merlin talks about how her practice is a result of pushing the boundaries of different disciplines. Merlin shares her creative journey from her enjoyment of both the Arts and Sciences at school, through to training as a medical artist. Merlin talks about her desire to capture the 'anatomy of the self', which she defines as 'the stuff the makes us, us', not just muscles and bones, but also our thoughts, emotions and memories. This post may be particularly of interest to secondary school students who enjoy the arts and the sciences, and may be starting to think about a career path that utilises both interests.



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So often, we hear talk of the distinction between science and art, and no more so when teenagers proceed through their education and they are encouraged to choose one route or another. In reality, creative thinking helps scientific understanding and a scientific approach can inform and inspire art.

It's so refreshing to read and see Merlin's experience and understand how she works between these two areas — in her words "mixing subjects, and seeing how they work and intersect is where inventions take place!"

We also love the way her work embraces the *felt* world of being human, as well as the *known* world. We're sure many young people will find Merlin's work of interest and reassuring when they are pressured to choose "*art or science*".

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