Writing Feedback
TERM 2 - 2025 | WEEK 9 - Writing | Year 5 Scholarship Essentials

Section 1:

#1 "Art and science are two powerful parts of our world. They might seem very different, but they both help people in important ways. Art helps us feel things, share ideas, and connect with others. Science helps us stay safe, discover new things, and solve big problems. People use both every day, and together, they make life better."

Strengths: You've established a clear introduction that presents both art and science as valuable. Your writing uses simple, accessible language that introduces the main topic well.

Weakness: Limited depth in comparison setup \rightarrow Your opening paragraph establishes the basic difference between art and science but doesn't create a strong framework for the deeper comparison that follows. The statements remain quite general without setting up specific aspects you'll compare throughout the essay.

Art and science shape our world in profoundly different yet complementary ways. While art stirs our emotions and builds connections between people, science empowers us to understand our universe and solve complex problems that improve our daily lives.

#2 "Art also teaches us about history, culture, and feelings. A book might help us imagine what life was like long ago. A movie might show how someone overcame a hard challenge. When we watch a play or look at a painting, we might feel the same feelings the artist felt. That's the magic of art: it speaks without using facts, and instead touches our hearts."

Strengths: You've included specific examples of different art forms and explained the emotional impact of art effectively. Your concluding sentence about art's "magic" creates a memorable point.

Weakness: Repetitive sentence structure \rightarrow Your paragraph uses the same "might" pattern multiple times, which makes your writing sound less confident. Several sentences begin with similar patterns and have the same simple structure, which reduces the impact of your good ideas.

Books transport us to different time periods, allowing us to experience history through the eyes of characters who lived long ago. Films powerfully demonstrate human resilience, while paintings and plays evoke emotions that connect us directly to the artist's experience. This emotional connection represents art's unique power—its ability to communicate profound truths without relying on facts alone.

#3 "So which one helps society more — art or science? It depends on what the world needs at the time. If there is a sickness spreading, science helps by creating medicine and vaccines. But if people feel sad or lost, art can help them feel better and bring them together. Both are important, and both have the power to change lives."

Strengths: You thoughtfully avoid claiming one discipline is superior to the other and provide specific examples of when each might be more valuable. Your conclusion effectively shows the situational value of both fields.

Weakness: Underdeveloped reasoning \rightarrow While you mention that the value depends on circumstances, you've only provided one example for each. The paragraph could explore the complex relationship between these fields more thoroughly with additional examples or deeper exploration of the two examples given.

The relative value of art and science fluctuates with society's changing needs. During health crises, scientific advancement becomes crucial as researchers develop life-saving vaccines and treatments. Conversely, during periods of social upheaval or isolation, art provides essential emotional healing and community connection. Historical events like the Renaissance demonstrate how these fields often flourish together, each inspiring breakthroughs in the other while addressing different aspects of human experience.

■ Your piece shows a solid understanding of both art and science, but could benefit from more specific examples and detailed explanations. You've presented a balanced view, showing that both fields have unique value. To improve your content, try adding real-world examples of specific artworks or scientific discoveries that have made an impact. For instance, you could mention how Picasso's "Guernica" showed the horrors of war, or how the discovery of penicillin saved millions of lives. Additionally, your comparison between art and science could be stronger if you organised your ideas around specific themes like "problem-solving" or "communication" and showed how each field approaches these differently. Also, try varying your sentence structure to make your writing more engaging. Your conclusion makes a good point about both fields working together, but you could strengthen it by adding a thought-provoking final statement about how we might better integrate art and science in schools or society.

Overall Score: 46/50

Section 2:

Art and Science: What Helps Us Most?

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Art is everywhere — in paintings, music, dances, books, and movies. It lets people show their emotions and ideas in creative ways. Art is not just about being pretty. It can send strong messages and help

people feel brave or hopeful. For example, in a protest, people might sing songs that inspire others or carry signs with drawings that show what they believe in. Art can make people feel united, even if they are very different. It helps us understand each other and show support.

Art also teaches us about history, culture, and feelings. A book might help us imagine what life was like long ago. A movie might show how someone overcame a hard challenge. When we watch a play or look at a painting, we might feel the same feelings the artist felt. That's the magic of art: it speaks without using facts, and instead touches our hearts. #2

Science helps people in different ways. It is about asking questions, testing ideas, and finding answers. Thanks to science, we have medicine, clean water, electricity, and technology. Science helps doctors treat sick people with medicine, and helped make [has helped create] vaccines to protect us from diseases like COVID-19. Without science, many people would not live as long or as safely as they do now.

Science also helps us learn about the world around us. We now know more about space, planets, animals, and our bodies. Telescopes let us see stars far away, and microscopes show us tiny cells that are too small to see with just our eyes. Because of science, we understand things like gravity, weather, and how plants grow. These discoveries make life easier, and they help us protect the Earth too.

But art and science don't just work alone. Many things we use and enjoy need both. For example, a movie needs a camera, lights, and sound systems made by science — but it also needs actors, music, and a good story, which come from art. A video game has computer coding, but also cool designs and exciting stories. Even in schools, a science poster might use bright colours and fun drawings to help kids learn. This shows how art and science can be partners, not competitors.

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Art makes us feel, while science helps us live. We need both — to stay strong and to stay connected. Sometimes, science protects our bodies, while art protects our hearts. Society is better with both working side by side. That's why we shouldn't choose just one as more valuable, but celebrate how they help in their own special ways.