

CLEAPSS

ABOUT CLEAPSS: CLEAPSS (Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services). Although it was changed in 1988 to reflect its expanded role beyond equipment to include a wider range of services and now includes Design & Technology and Art, the name is now simply 'CLEAPSS'.

WHAT IS CLEAPSS: CLEAPSS provides essential health & safety, curriculum, and technical support for practical work in science, design & technology (D&T), and art in UK schools, offering risk assessments, equipment advice, guidance on chemicals/organisms, lab design, and technician support to ensure safe, effective teaching. It acts as a vital advisory body, helping schools meet legal obligations and enhance learning through high-quality practical activities.

In essence, CLEAPSS is the go-to resource for ensuring school practicals are both exciting for students and safe for everyone involved, with its guidance recognised by bodies like the Health & Safety Executive.

REGISTER FOR YOUR ACCOUNT: Schools and individual teachers now must register for their own accounts so it is advised that all teachers (primary and secondary) who might need to access these resources activate their account. It is easy, here is the link: [My CLEAPSS Account Request](#).

ART & DESIGN & CLEAPSS:

- The Art & Design aspects are linked through the Design and Technology section, so although it doesn't have its own section, there is still a wealth of useful information.
- There are also a range of Model Risk Assessments (MRATs).
- CLEAPSS can conduct audits of Art departments and have audit documents to support in this area too – G79A
- One key reminder for Art and Design departments is to ensure that any COSHH flammable chemicals are ideally stored in a highly flammable liquids cupboard – there is a guide on CLEAPSS.
- CLEAPSS produce an interactive digital magazine called Future Minds. The summer issue (2025) was a special Art and Design focussed one. It is a great magazine and completely free: [Summer 25](#).