

Art A Level

Preparation work: Pre-course Reading, Research and Tasks

Pre-reading and research will help you to become more familiar with the topics you are going to study on your A Level Art course. If you complete the tasks below, they will also help you to become more confident when you start your course.

Specification :

A good place to start is to look at the A Level Specification and familiarise yourself with what you will be studying on the course:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/as-and-a-level/art-and-design/subject-content/art,-craft-and-design>

Task 1:

Create your own Pinterest account. Make a new board called 'Godalming college Art' Browse through Pinterest and pin/save at least 10 images to your board that you like and feel could inspire your own work. Please visit the [Godalming College Art/Textiles Pinterest Board](#).

Suggestions of what to search whilst browsing Pinterest; Self Portraits, Abstract landscapes, Mixed media architectural studies, Distortion, Patterns in nature, Line and Wash, Surface Texture, Mark Making, Contemporary Illustration, Overlapping Images, Negative space drawings, Wax Resist studies.

Task 2:

Start a small journal/diary/handmade simple concertina book/A6 sketchbook/Moleskine, recording your thoughts/ideas and drawings in any media that you choose. You might want to do this for a number of days as a journal or add to it weekly over the summer.





Websites for Further Research and Reading:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/talking-point/making-art-isolation>

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/picasso-and-paper#virtual-tour>

<https://www.npg.org.uk/learning/digital/interviews-with-artists-and-sitters>

Books to Read:

- **Street Sketchbook** - Journeys, Street Graphics, Street Art
- **500 Portraits** - 25 years of the BP Portrait Award
- **Vitamin D2** – New Perspectives in Drawing
- **Drawing Projects – An Exploration of the Language of drawing**

Podcasts:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vA_I0qwnh_w&t=339s David Hockney on Van Gogh
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI2JG67b-fs> Brilliant Ideas Grayson Perry
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0_nOQGdj5Y Clara Lieu Portrait in Graphite
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ss6Zs0vAzMs> Urban Sketching
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z34AICGgMm0> Artist Adebayo Bolanji discusses his work, similar to Basquiat

Progression Opportunities

Why choose Art A Level:

- Art Foundation Courses, 1 year Diploma
- Degree specific courses, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Illustration, Product Design, Industrial Design, Architecture, Textiles, Fashion Communication, Fashion Design, Costume Design, Animation and Film, Digital Media, Ceramics etc
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/creative-arts-and-design/overview-of-the-creative-arts-sector-in-the-uk>
- <https://www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk/uk-creative-overview/facts-and-figures/employment-figures>

We hope you enjoy completing these tasks and look forward to you joining the course.

