

## **ART A LEVEL PREPARATION WORK**

### **SUMMER 2020**

This work will help you to be ready to start your A Level Art course in September. The 4 assessment objectives are the same as at GCSE, so you will be covering the same areas of

**DEVELOP EXPERIMENT RECORD CREATE**

**Try to do the tasks here, and you will be well prepared to start on your sketchbook work straight away in September, and the research will save you time during that term too.**

## Create A Personal Art Journal

Artists often use the sketchbook as a journal or visual diary to record their thoughts and experiences in visual form. Choose pages to create from the task list below. Everyone is in a different situation at the moment. You might choose the tasks that give you comfort, or find it helps you mentally to tackle tasks which work through the difficult times. This could be very peaceful, or a cathartic task. If you want to make it about your experience of the current Covid-19 situation you can, but if this is difficult for you to deal withy keep it to other areas of your life and make it totally positive!

If you do not have access to any sketchbook paper and can't order any online at the moment use whatever you have to hand. Using cardboard, envelopes, & drawing over used documents have all been done by artists and can be very effective. These can be put together in some sort of book form when we are in school. We will also upload a tutorial from another school which shows you how you can make your own sketchbooks.

- Draw or paint or otherwise create using your research and photography. Use whatever media you have available. Just pencil drawings is fine if that is all you have at the moment.
- Try doing your own work in the style of the artists you have researched. Applying their style to an image you have found or a photo you have taken
- Do each page in your own style. It can have writing, or be totally visual. It could contain collage and mixed media. You can produce digital artwork and photography pages too if that is your area of interest.

If you do not have a laptop, tablet, PC or printer you can use your phone. If you find this is clogging up your memory save images and send them to your school email address so that you can easily access them, download and print when we are back in September.

- Look online for websites that relate to the topic. Make a note of them so you can find them again.
- Search Images. Save them.
- Look on Pinterest. It is a bit like a digital scrapbook for creating mood boards, and it's easy to find lots of images that you can save and print.
- Use newspaper headlines or information you screen shot.
- Look for artists such as Charlotte Saloman, who produced a visual diary when she painted inside a concentration camp.

If you have no materials gather things together to use later. You can also use different materials to create art. People in lockdown are posting on social media their experiments of painting with tea, coffee, beetroot juice, turmeric and water. Be imaginative. These experiments will be worth marks too.

## TASK LIST/STARTING POINTS/PROMPTS

Choose things from this list to create journal pages or artwork to add into a journal. This is not a definitive list, and you should absolutely go for it if you have your own ideas, or find inspiration from looking at journal ideas online. They are very simple so you can interpret many in your own way. Try to be creative and visual in putting your message across. You can do some of them, or all of them, just try to do work we can use as a starting point in September.

- 'This Is Me' an introduction or biography
- My favourite films
- Document your daily walk or exercise in photographs or drawings
- My Favourite books
- My secret obsession
- My celebrity crush
- My music
- Family
- My favourite food
- My least favourite food
- Things I love most
- Things I hate
- People I miss
- The news
- My heroes
- What inspires me
- My favourite place
- Stress
- Things I miss
- Calm
- Things I found outside
- My most treasured possessions.
- What is in my pockets
- Junk drawer
- Recipe for my life
- What's inside my head
- My favourite line from a song.
- My favourite artist
- What I am doing right now
- What I wish I was doing right now
- Selfie
- Best friends
- My pet/pet I wish I had
- Headlines
- My message to the world
- What makes me angry

- I am...
- A visual acrostic for your name or a word of your choice.
- Bucket list
- My shoes
- My old toys
- My room
- Dream holiday
- My zodiac sign
- Phobia
- A treasured memory
- Secret identity
- Ambition
- View from my window
- Embarrassing moment
- My passion
- Hobby
- Sport
- My idiosyncracies (strange habits)
- Strange secret
- Favourite local artwork (sculpture, graffiti)
- Worries
- Hopes and Dreams
- Jar of Dreams
- Map of my world
- Family tree
- Shelves
- Junk drawer
- Story of my life so far
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