

Art and Design A Level – Preparation for sixth form

Congratulation on picking Art and Design! We hope this gives you some guidance on how to immerse yourself in the subject you love.

Have a think about the Art, Design, Architecture and Fashion you like, and what you'd like to do for your project. Have a bit of a daydream and doodle and draw these ideas. Practice doing your artwork and keep your skills sharp with a mini sketchbook.

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Compulsory	Look at the prompts	Have a look at the prompts they're there to help you look for artists and get inspired, choose which theme you'd like to work on- Art, Craft and Design Themes	
	Look at the links	Look at the links and watch the videos embedded in the themes PDF.	
	Preparation work Sketch and draw	Keep skills sharp. Draw, paint and make art. Do the things that you enjoy. Start a small sketchbook and do a drawing a day. David Hockney on Drawing- Hockney on Art	
	Take your own photos	Take photos of the world around you and use these for inspiration. You may find this link useful- Photography	
Suggested preparation work	Suggested reading	Use prompt sheets to look for artists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Berger, Ways of seeing 1972 • Susan Sontag, On Photography 1977. 	
	Debate topics	"What is Art, Craft and Design?" "What is Art, Craft and Design for?" "What would a world without Art, Craft and Design look like?"	
	Ted Talk / documentary	Some relevant talks are embedded in the Art, Craft and Design Themes PowerPoint. Explore the Tate YouTube channel Tate YouTube Explore the MoMa Youtube channel MoMa YouTube Explore the V&A Youtube channel V&A YouTube	
	Other suggested activities	Start a small sketchbook and draw every day. Collect images either digitally or physically that you think are visually exciting or give ideas for Artwork. Put them in your sketchbook. Experiment with a new media. Walk around your local area and think what might inspire you. If you go on holiday collect loads of images Join an Art club Visit a local Gallery	