

Transition Tasks: New Year 12 2023

A Level Art

Welcome to the A- Level Art and Design Course at Pinner High School. This is an exciting course, which will develop your technical skills along with helping to broaden your knowledge and understanding of Art.

It is really important that you enjoy your Art journey but equally, we expect you to be disciplined and self-motivated...From the outset you will be producing work independently. We are here to support you in the Art department throughout the course; however, at this level the emphasis is less teacher directed and more directed by you.

Main Task –Summer Diary/ Journal:

(Please see separate information pack for full guidance on this task)

Keep a small sketchbook so that you can doodle, sketch and note down ideas/ record/ photograph anything you find interesting or inspirational. Aim for a sketch a day!

The Summer Journal is the compulsory element of your Art bridging work. This unit is to allow you to practise and build upon some of the core skills needed in Art but ultimately the aim is to develop your own insights and creative thought processes.

We look forward to seeing your Art Journal in September 😊

Other Tasks and references:

It is also important to expand on your knowledge of other artists' work by visiting museums and galleries. Aim to visit at least one exhibition if you possibly can!

You can also Investigate the world of Art even further by looking at some of the following suggested books, websites and podcast resources.

Please ensure you document any of the inspiration or insights you gain from your reading/listening/ investigations or gallery visits as part of your art journal!

Exhibitions:

Try to visit exhibitions and museums, see a range of different shows to develop your understanding of different types of artworks – You never know what you might enjoy!

Document your visits by creating small sketches/ notes on what you have seen.
Key London Galleries: Please have a look on their websites before visiting, many of them are free but you might need to have booked a ticket in advance!

Use www.artrabbit.com or the Artlyst app (to find exhibitions nearest to you) to find out what different exhibitions are on.

Tate Britain
Royal Academy of Arts
British Museum
White Cube

Tate Modern
Saatchi
Hayward Gallery
V&A

National Gallery
Barbican
Serpentine Gallery

You might also have the opportunity to explore public works of art, sculpture or street art – if you see anything of interest – take photographs or make sketches to document what you have seen.

Books:

- The Story of Art- *E. H Gombrich*
- Art Theory for Beginners- *Richard Osborne*
- The Shock of the New: Art and the Century of Change- *Robert Hughes*
- What are you looking at? 150 Years of Modern Art in the Blink of an Eye- *Will Gompertz*
- Thinking about Art: A Thematic Guide to Art History by Peter Huntsman (2015)
- Think like an Artist by Will Gompertz (2015)
- Looking at Pictures by Susan Woodford (2018)
- The Art Book by Tom Melick (2014)
- The Art of Creative Thinking by Rod Judkins (2015)
- 100 Artists' Manifestos from the Futurists to the Stuckists by Alex Danchev (2011)

Useful Art Websites:

- Student Art Guide: <https://www.studentartguide.com/> - Useful articles to support your A- Level Art Study
- Cultural Institute: <https://artsandculture.google.com> – Artworks, collections and stories from around the world.
- Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/> - Art History resources to widen cultural understanding.
- Art UK: <https://artuk.org/discover/artists> - Art UK is the online home for every public art collection in the UK.
- Tate Gallery - <http://www.tate.org.uk>
- The Art Story: <https://www.theartstory.org/> - Useful reference website to give you a background to significant artists including timelines.
- My Modern Met - <https://mymodernmet.com/> - Celebrating creativity and promoting a positive culture by spotlighting the best sides of humanity—from the lighthearted and fun to the thought-provoking and enlightening.
- Colossal - <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/> - Art, design, and visual culture
- Art Rabbit: www.artrabbit.com- Contemporary art exhibitions and events.

Listen to podcasts

(You can find these on Spotify, apple, google, acast etc)

TALK ART

<https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9yc3MuYWNhc3QuY29tL3RhbGthcnQ?sa=X&ved=0CAMQ4aUDahgKEwiopdbAkOfwAhUAAAAAHQAAAAAQhQE>

Actor Russell Tovey and gallerist Robert Diament host Talk Art, a podcast dedicated to the world of art featuring exclusive interviews with leading artists, curators & gallerists, and even occasionally their talented friends from other industries like acting, music and journalism. Listen in to explore the magic of art and why it connects us all in such fantastic ways.

Dr Janina Ramirez - Art Detective

<https://www.janinaramirez.co.uk/podcasts>

Understanding art allows us to understand history: to pin it with images, and pepper it with the faces, colours, drama and expression of its time. This series is designed to give bite-sized insights into the world of Art History, bringing one image to life across a wide-ranging discussion with experts.

Watch:

Art that made us

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p0bvgs3f/art-that-made-us>

BBC Arts: Art and Artists

From Old Masters to Modern Art, clips featuring leading artists and their work:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02d6vpz?page=1>

Browse some of the clips to explore artists and ideas that you may wish to investigate further... Suggestions include:

- A History of Art in Three Colours (also available to watch on youtube)
- What Do Artists Do all Day? (also available to watch on youtube)
- The Culture Show
- Great British Photography Challenge

Sky Arts

Portrait Artist of the year

Landscape Artist of the Year

Channel 4/ All 4

Graysons Art Club series 1 and 2