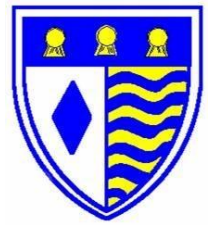


Weaverham High School Art Department.



Year 9 – Preparing for GCSE.

Welcome to your preparation for GCSE Art Document. Please find below some ideas for websites and resources that you may wish to look at in order to prepare you for your GCSE Art course in September. We are very excited that you have opted to study our wonderful subject Art. We hope you thoroughly enjoy it and really excel.

Over the next two school years you will study/produce three units of coursework and a final exam project. The exam board is AQA (Fine Art).

We would like you to start thinking like an artist. Please see attached sheets relating to the creative process.

Below is the work we would like you to prepare. None of this is compulsory but we feel it will very much help you in starting the course. We would also like you to purchase a range of art materials (if possible) to enable you to complete more exciting work at home!

For Unit 1 we will be developing work based on a Culture of your choice. Please select one of the following:

- Indian
- Japanese
- Australian (Aboriginal)
- African
- Chinese
- Native American
- Mexican
- Peruvian
- See support sheet of examples

Collect facts and lots of pictures/images about your selected Culture.

- You could collect images of buildings, patterns, textiles, clothing, decorative items – pottery, masks and jewellery. You could look at their traditional styles of artwork, printing, carving etc. We will be focussing on colour, pattern and decoration, at the beginning!

When you have collected your resources you can produce observational drawings.

- From any of the images – use a range of materials and work on different sizes, you could draw the whole thing or a section.
 - This can be done in a sketchbook or on paper.
 - You could also investigate the specific colours your Culture uses.
 - You can produce drawings of cultural patterns.
 - You could produce drawings of the animals.
 - Please keep all information safe in a folder for us to see on your return to school.
- Remember you can always email us – Miss Robinson or Mrs Thomas and we will help you.

SUGGESTED ART MATERIALS

Cartridge Paper

Drawing pencils (2B)

Black fineliner/gel pen

Black Biro

Watercolours

Small Brushes

Acrylic paint

Good Quality Colouring Pencils

Glue sticks

Here are some useful links you might like to explore

Pinterest is brilliant when studying art and collecting information. Look up GCSE art pages and sketchbook examples.

Youtube – videos of students creating GCSE Art sketchbooks (lots of great ideas)

Grayson and Perry – Art club channel 4 (lockdown programme, very interesting and good fun)

BBC Bitesize – GCSE Art and Design, very informative.

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You can explore National/International Art Galleries

- The British museum
- Saatchi Gallery
- The Tate Gallery
- World museum