

## **A Level Art course preparation**

The following tasks are aimed to help you prepare for your A2 Art, Craft and Design course. Any drawing, photography or making that you do during this period will feed your creativity. If there are skills that you would like to practise there are many excellent tutorials available on YouTube. One of these is 'The Joy of Painting' by Bob Ross which is also available on the BBC iplayer:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000hjkz/episodes/guide>

### **Keep a sketchbook diary**

Draw, make notes and take photographs of anything that interests you. You will not be asked to share your sketchbook pages but the practise of keeping a personal sketchbook will prepare you for the A Level Art course and provide a useful record of ideas and images that you could develop later.

### **Visit an Art Gallery**

Google Arts and Culture is a fantastic resource, you can go on virtual tours of galleries and museums all over the world: <https://artsandculture.google.com/>

Visit a virtual art exhibition of your choice anywhere in the world. Select one piece of artwork that inspires you. Save an image of your chosen artwork and find out everything you can about it. Prepare a powerpoint slide with an image of the artwork, the name of the artist and the date that the artwork was created, title (if it has one), media used and subject matter. Most importantly be prepared to talk about why the piece appeals to you.

*Please have your slide ready for your first art lesson in September.*

### **Investigate the history of the image.**

#### **Watch 'Age of the Image' on BBC iplayer (Four programmes)**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000fzmc/episodes/player>

'Age of the Image,' is an excellent documentary series in which art historian, James Fox, explores how the power of the image has transformed the modern world. He takes you on a journey through the history of art and how it has been influenced by contemporary culture from the Renaissance to the present day.

While watching the programmes ask yourself the following question; 'How has art influenced or been influenced by contemporary culture?' (Contemporary means the same time period as the artwork was created).

*Enjoy! We look forward to meeting you in September.*