

Fine Art at Woking College

Welcome to the Art department! The Fine Art course is very demanding and involves a lot of hard work and commitment. Throughout the course you are going to be challenged to experiment with lots of different techniques and encouraged to question any assumptions you may have about Art. Now, all of this may be a bit intimidating at first, but don't worry as we are always available to help you and clarify any uncertainty that may arise. All that we ask is that you keep an open mind and that you have a go and give it your best shot!

Over the summer I would like you to complete a project that demonstrates your artistic skills and abilities. This work will form part of your YR12 coursework, please ensure you bring it with you on enrolment day.

Task 1: On the theme "My Environment" please complete a study a day in a small notebook, which documents your summer holiday. Something like this would be great to work in:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cahier-Plain-Pocket-Journal-Black/dp/8883704916/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=small+notebook+A6+plain+paper&qid=1589379482&s=officeproduct&sr=1-4

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Moleskine-Pocket-Cahier-Sketch-Album/dp/8867323350/ref=sr_1_22?dchild=1&keywords=small+notebook+A6+plain+paper&qid=1589379613&s=officeproduct&sr=1-22

This could be a mix of painting, drawing, photography, collage/stitch piece, anything that enables you to capture something in your day. It could be an interior in your home, a detailed study of something in your garden, a view from a window etc. Check out this link for some ideas:

https://www.pinterest.co.uk/emmahobbs30/welcome-day-fine-art/

Consider working over various papers in your sketchbook, or letting drawings travel across a double page, exploring a range of media, focusing on smaller details, or larger compositions, creating studies which take no longer than 5 minutes and some which are more considered and time consuming. Coloured studies, monochrome studies, drawings using dots, cross hatching, mark making, painted grounds with pen over, a painting using acrylic that mixes colour using the primaries (plus white) only, just play and explore!

Check out Ian Sidaway, Pierre Bonnard, Frank Auerbach, Tom Fairs, David Hockney, ian Roberts, Jim Dine, Sarah Simblet, Natasha Clutterbuck, Angie Lewin, Kerry Lemon, Van Gogh, Fiona Watson, Georgia O'Keffee, Henry Moore, Peter Randell Page, Karl Blossfeldt as well as other artists for inspiration.

Task 2: I would also like you all to create a Pinterest account if you have not already got one. It's a great teaching tool and fantastic place to find inspiring Artists work. It's free to join all you need is an email address. Please create an account and a new board called "Woking Fine Art". Browse and follow my Pinterest Boards pinning 10 of your favorite pieces from any to it: https://uk.pinterest.com/emmahobbs30/

In September it is expected you will have the following list of equipment and materials ready for when you start. This is to enable you to complete your homework. The basic items in red you should also have with you every lesson.

- Small pack of acrylic paints (warm /cool primary colours/ black & white)
- Water colour set
- Paint brushes, variety of sizes
- Waterproof thin black fine liner pen
- Soluble thin black fine liner
- Set of coloured fine liners
- Range of pencils (2H to 8B)
- Pritt stick
- Rubber, ruler and sharpener
- Post-it notes

- Masking tape- with name on
- Scissors- with name on
- Coloured drawing inks and black washable Quink Ink
- Pen drive (min 1GB)
- You will also need to purchase a sketchbook and A1 folio from us when you start, these are available through us at cost (approx. £10 for both items), payment via the college wise pay system. Information to follow post enrolment.

The following stores sell cheap, decent quality art materials. The Range, the nearest one is in North Town, Aldershot. Rymans, The Works and the following online stores: Amazon, Lawrence.co.uk, www.artdiscount.co.uk.

I look forward to seeing what you produce over the summer and to meeting you in September! Any problems or questions please do get in touch: eho@woking.ac.uk

Enjoy your summer!

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