

ST CHRISTOPHER'S SIXTH FORM

ART AND DESIGN BRIDGING UNIT

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Welcome to the Art Department at St Christopher's. You will be joining a thriving department that will offer you many opportunities in fine art.

We follow the AQA A-level Art specification and it can be found by accessing this link: <u>AQA Fine Art Specification</u>

A-level Art Course Structure

Year 12 and 13	Study Components	Scheme of Work	Assessment Objectives
Year 1 Projects	Skill Enhancement:	Portfolio:	AO1 – Develop ideas through sustained and focused investigations informed by contextual and other sources, demonstrating analytical and critical
	Produce an extended collection of work that provides evidence of research, the development of ideas, making skills and critical/contextual understanding. Individual Feedback	The portfolio comprises of work in response to the initial starting point of 'Textures & Surfaces'	
			understanding
	Personal Response: Using acquired skills to produce a personal	Critical Studies:	
	and inform response that satisfies the AQA assessment criteria	Visit sketchbook documenting galleries and independent observations	AO2 – Explore and select appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques
A-level Projects	A-level Component 1: Personal Investigation	Planning of Personal Investigation before summer break. Initial research & artists'	and processes, reviewing and refining ideas as work develops
	Work based on an idea, issue, concept or theme leading to finished outcome(s)	studies by September.	
			AO3 – Record ideas, observations and
	A-level Component 1: Personal Investigation	Student led Personal Investigation. To be	insights relevant to
	Practical element with some aspect of contemporary or past practice of artist(s) & a written piece, between 1000 and 3000 words, which supports the practical work.	completed by end of Autumn Term. Development of gallery visit sketchbook.	intentions, reflecting critically on work and progress
	96 marks & 60% of A-level		AO4 – Present
	A-level Component 2: Externally set	Externally set assignment: Feb to May	a personal and meaningful
	assignment Preparatory period + 15 hours supervised time.	Choice of 8 starting points. Development of gallery visit sketchbook.	response that realise intentions and, where appropriate, makes
		Development of gallery visit sketchbook.	connections between
	96 marks & 40% of A-level Internal assessment & external moderation		visual and other elements





Fine Art

To be prepared for the start of course in September we highly recommend that candidates put together an art pack for use at home and in 6th form and gather sources appropriate to the topic.

Recommended Essential Equipment

- Good quality 100gsm A3 hardback sketchbook (stock available from sixth form)
- Selection of 'B' range drawing pencils.
- PVA glue
- Set of paint brushes
- Black fine liner pens
- 'Quink' ink (must be Quink not drawing ink)
- Set of acrylic paints (Large white)

Useful Equipment

- Toolbox to store and carry art equipment
- Putty rubber
- Ruler coloured pencils
- Craft knife
- Strong scissors
- Pritt Stick
- Glue gun
- Chalk pastels
- Oil pastels
- Graphite
- Compressed charcoal



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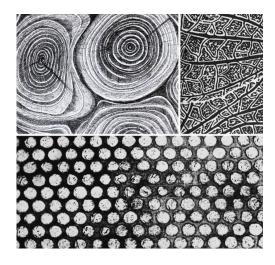
Topic: Textures and Surfaces

Collect images that illustrate a variety of textures and surfaces from various sources, e.g. digital photography, internet images, sketches and rubbings.



Suggestions

Investigate a wide range of environments, such as, beaches, cracked earth, architectural details, muddy ground, paving stones, puddles and rusty materials.



Collecting

Gather materials which could be used to create texture: corrugated cardboard, bubble wrap, pebbles, shells, textures fabric or wallpaper.

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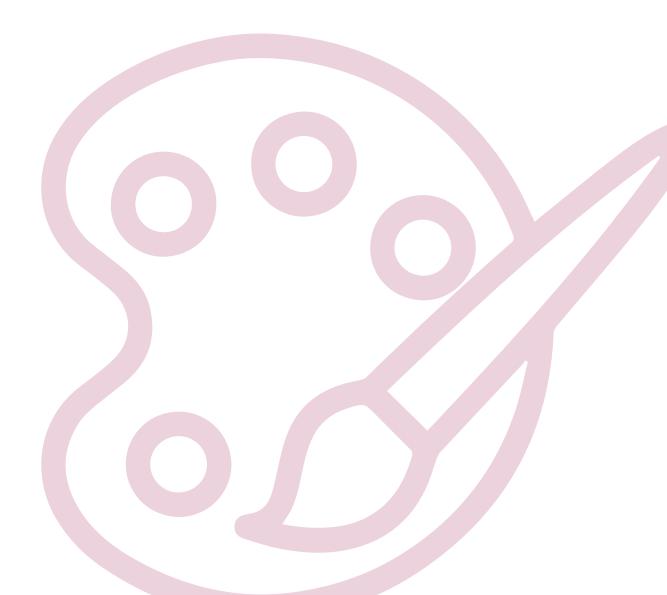
For further information please contact Mrs G Ashton, Art and Design Course Leader on **g.ashton@st-christophers.org**







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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

