

Woodhouse College Art Department Summer Holiday work

Over the summer it is important to continue to develop your recording skills in preparation for the start of your A level studies in Art. Everything you do in Art will start with drawing!

We would like you to try to produce a drawing every day! These could be quick – just a couple of minutes (you can time yourselves) and no drawing needs to be longer than 15 minutes. Of course, if you want to sometimes produce a more sustained drawing spending longer than 15 minutes then of course that would be good.

All your drawings should be from observation. You could choose interesting objects as a starting point – shoes can have interesting shapes, kitchen utensils, tools etc...or portraits, or you could draw your pets if you have any, plants and flowers in the garden, or all of the above. The important thing is to hone your recording skills and challenge yourself. You could use pencils or pens or coloured pencils or whatever else you have at home. You might want to try drawing on an iPad if you have one – ‘Brushes’ is a good app for that (it's the one David Hockney uses).

You can also try the following to vary your drawing style and get out of your comfort zone:

- Continuous line study (not taking your pencil off the paper while you draw).
- Drawing with the hand you don't normally use.
- Blind drawing (observing what's in front of you but not looking at your drawing while you are doing it).
- Quick 2-minute sketches.
- Longer sustained drawings focusing on colour or tone or mark making etc...
- Close-ups of objects to create more abstract compositions.

Make sure you annotate your drawings so you can record how you produced it: method, time, materials used, subject matter etc....

Your drawings can be any scale. I would suggest an A4 sketchbook would be ideal but anything else you have is fine. You can have several drawings on one page or one large drawing across two pages. At the end of the day, it's up to you and we are really interested to see what you do!

A level Art will be exciting and challenging. We look forward to meeting you all and seeing your drawings, which we will display in the studio. Have a great summer!!