

# A-level Art & Design

## Preparation for A level Art & Design things to do:

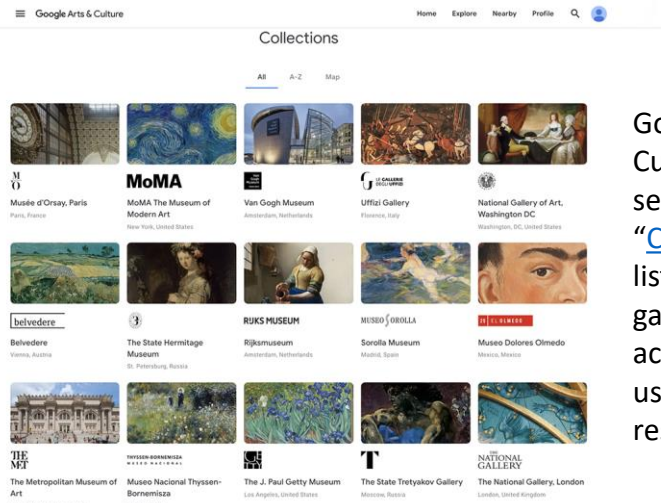
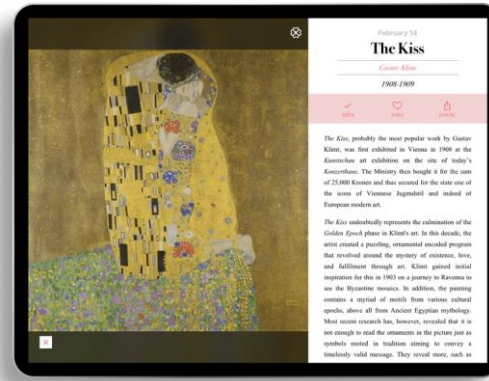
**Read the specification!** The exam board is Edexcel and the specification explains the course titles, overview and assessment. We will expect you to know the course you've signed up for. Always read the small print...

**Keep making art.** Seems obvious, but if you've signed up A level art, this suggests you love making art. If you only make art because of being on a course, don't study A level art. Demonstrate your passion, otherwise why bother?

**What art should you be making?** Whatever you enjoy and whatever skills you wish to develop further through simply practising. Do though practice first hand observational drawing- any subject matter, providing you are developing drawing from life. Copying from pictures simply won't be enough.

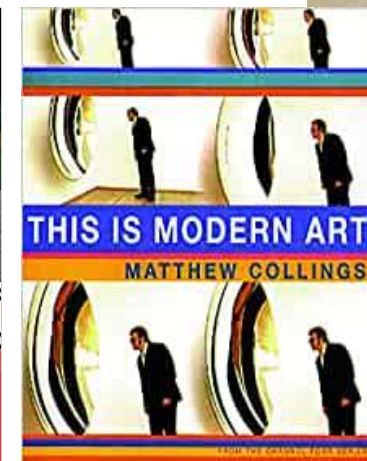
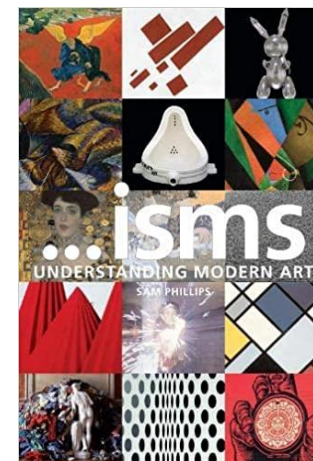
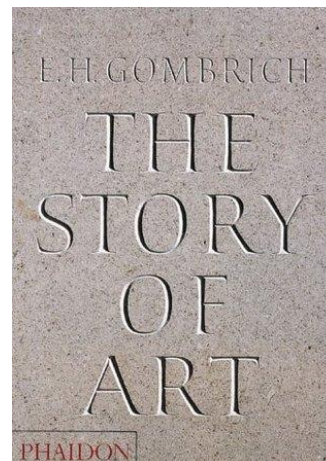
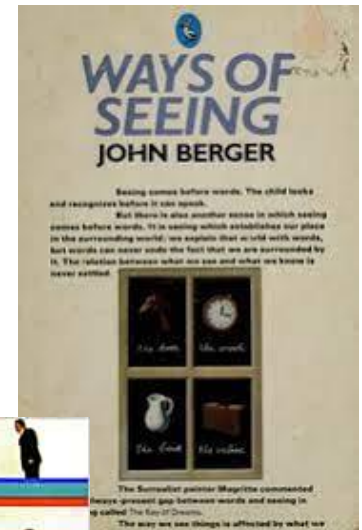
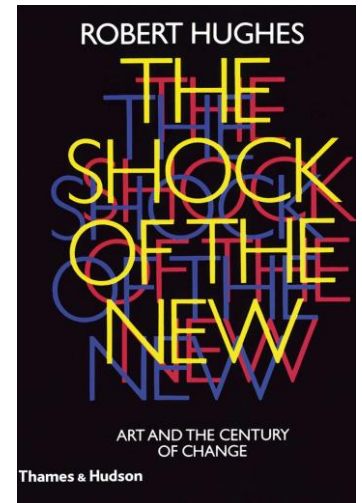
**Look and read about art.** Ideally you will be visiting museums and galleries over the summer, because you love art. If you're not able to visit any, though there's really no excuse for not doing so, use museum websites to explore collections.

**Buying materials & equipment.** Go to art shops and be inspired to try new materials/processes. Sketchbooks- make sure they are at least 140gsm and try to have a small sketchbook you carry around with you all the time making notes and quick sketches.



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