

FINE ART HINTS TO RAISE YOUR ATTAINMENT

IN CLASS...

Use your class time wisely. Complete projects/pieces of work that it is difficult to do at home, for example printing techniques or ceramics.

Concentrate fully in lessons, and always observe carefully anything you are drawing. This means to look at it, draw a little bit, look at the object or photograph again, draw a bit, and keep doing this until the drawing is 100% finished. This will improve your accuracy and drawing skill.

Use lessons for some experimentation with materials. Try out things that you think will look good with your project. Try more than one process together, try a different type of paper... You may find something that is unique to you and that you really love to do!

When completing any piece of Art, always try to consider the following things:

- Composition – how is it arranged on the page?
- Media – what effect do you want to achieve, and what media is best for this?
- Your strengths – what are you good at and what do you love to do? Do more of this!
- Where have your ideas come from? Have you looked at an Artist who has inspired you?

AT HOME...

Keep a scrapbook of images, ideas, texts that you like. These can all contribute to your portfolio, especially if they are relevant to the topics you are studying in class.

Be curious and interested in Art. Visit museums and galleries, do drawings while you are there, buy the postcards! Write in a journal or in your sketchbook about exhibitions you have seen. Visit with a friend or family member to really get the most out of the experience!

Do small drawings every day (or as much as you can!). The more you practice, the better you will get!

Look at Pinterest for inspiration. Your teacher will have a Pinterest board set up for the topics that you are studying, just ask to follow them!

Take photographs! This is vital for AO3 marks as it is a way of recording your ideas. You can also draw from photographs, edit them on Photoshop... ask your teacher if you would like to borrow a camera or need help with ideas.

REMEMBER: Art takes time. It takes a long time to master, and a long time to produce work. You must show dedication as well as creativity and skill level to achieve the highest grades in Fine Art. This means a lot of quality work at home or after school if you really want to succeed.

But most importantly... ENJOY FINE ART! If you enjoy it, you are likely to do much better in it.

