



## **HOW TO PREPARE TO STUDY A-LEVEL ART (FINE ART)**

Anyone can draw and paint, but it takes an Art student to understand the thought process behind every image, mark, line and brush stroke. Making your own work and analysing the work of others will give you a greater knowledge of the art world past and present.

To get a head start on becoming A-level Art student you should engage with some of the tasks below.

### **Read**

Task 1: Visit the AQA website and familiarise yourself with the A-level fine Art course.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/as-and-a-level/art-and-design/subject-content/fine-art>

### **Read, Watch and Listen**

Task 2a: Read about all the different Art genres and isms– Impressionism, Expressionism, Surrealism, Cubism, Dadaism, as many as you can find.

This will get you started. <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/i/impressionism>  
<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/c/cubism>

Task 2b: Watch clips of artists talking about their work or showing how work is created. Visit

<https://www.youtube.com> and then search Tate.

Task 2c: Listen to podcasts about Art

### **Create**

Task 3: Visit these sites. Start your own A4 sketchbook, drawing daily from a subject matter that interests you. It could be portraiture, landscapes or still life.

Portraiture ideas: <https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/exhibitions/bp-portrait-award-next-generation/next-gen-home>

Drawing ideas: <https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/realistic-observational-drawings>

Still life Ideas: <https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/still-life-drawing-ideas>



Task3b: Keep going and try to complete the whole sketchbook. It should be full of information, a visual diary/journal of your life between now and September! Don't be afraid to experiment and learn from practising, this is what A-level is all about.

Research artists' sketchbooks and learn from others.

<https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-sketchbook-ideas#art-sketchbooks>

## Wider Reading List:

[www.studentartguide.com](http://www.studentartguide.com)

The National Portrait Awards- Virtual Exhibition <https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/bp-portrait-award-2020/virtual-exhibition>

A library of Art books can be found here: <https://archive.org/details/guggenheimmuseum>

Read and look, great articles, videos, inspiration [Mymodernmet.com](http://Mymodernmet.com)

National Portrait Gallery: [www.npg.org.uk/learning](http://www.npg.org.uk/learning)

## Magazines and Journals:

Art Monthly

Aesthetica

ARTnews Magazine

Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine

## More websites:

<https://www.artland.com>

<https://www.tate.org.uk>

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk>

<https://www.whitechapelgallery.org/>

<https://aestheticamagazine.com/>

## Apps:

Art Saga

**School Email for Lead Subject Teacher: [Sarah.Measures@woodgreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.Measures@woodgreenacademy.co.uk)**