

# HELSEBY

## Sixth Form



# **Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Material**

## **Subject**

## **ART**

Congratulations on choosing to study Fine Art at A Level

The information and tasks contained in this booklet will help you to research and prepare for your course when you start at Sixth Form Helsby in September. They will provide you with an overview of what to expect from your A Level studies and help you to develop a greater understanding of the subject.

This is by no means an exhaustive list but it will help you to start thinking about the subject and extra-curricular study and research.

### **Podcasts/U-tube**

What do artists do all day? This is a wonderful BBC series on youtube that explores the working day of contemporary artists and photographers. The documentaries follow artists as they create work for major exhibitions and private buyers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u94DxOP51M&list=PLM4S2hGZDSE4645tTLQ-q0CGiR4eSFIBW>

Norman Ackroyd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZBkxqNJC9g> Tracey Emin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUPKic-MN7A> John Byrne

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YW8LjuROyPA> Shani Rhys James

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuAF55BN-Ak> Cornelia Parker

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5PxZbqjlcE> Polly Morgan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJ8UAILQv6A> Anthony Gormley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjHAPRoBwLA> Yinka Shoibare

### **Reading**

Frida: A Biography of Frida Kahlo

Sophie Calle: True stories by Sophie Calle

Grayson Perry: Portrait of an artist as a young girl

The Lives of artist (Oxford World's Classics) by Giorgio Vasari

Leonardo. The complete drawings

### **Films/Documentaries/TV**

BBC Four and SKY Arts have lots of documentaries and series which focus on the Arts.

You may wish to explore a range of these. You may also find the following programmes of interest;

Fake or Fortune (BBC iplayer)

Portrait painter of the year (SKY Arts)

Landscape painter of the year (SKY Arts)

Graysons' Art club (MORE 4)

Exit through the gift shop – Banksy (Amazon Prime, Apple TV)

Never Sorry – Ai Weiwei (Amazon Prime, Apple TV)

## **Trips/Visits**

Please find attached a list of galleries that I think you will enjoy looking around (virtually), and if possible some of you may like to visit these galleries so you can see some beautiful work in real life. Please feel free to dip in and out. You will find a wide variety of work in these galleries from the weird to the wonderful! I would love your feedback on the work you find, especially the pieces that excite you the most. Try to find work from artists that you have not discovered before and who works with interesting materials and themes. You will be able to revisit these artists/Photographers and their work during your study in the A-level course.

Tate Britain <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain>

Tate Modern <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern>

The National Gallery <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/>

The National Portrait Gallery <https://www.npg.org.uk/>

The Saatchi Gallery <https://www.saatchigallery.com/>

The Victoria and Albert Museum <https://www.vam.ac.uk/>

Michael Hoppen Gallery <https://www.michaelhoppengallery.com/>

Walker Art Gallery <https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker-art-gallery>

Lady Lever Art Gallery <https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/lady-lever-art-gallery>

Open Eye Gallery <https://openeye.org.uk/>

Manchester Art Gallery <https://manchesterartgallery.org/>

The Whitworth <https://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/>

In addition to galleries, it is always useful to visit the Summer Art exhibitions from Universities that you may be interested in. If you search your chosen University you should be able to access the exhibitions online as well as previous shows they have had.

## **UCAS**

<https://www.ucas.com/> - Takes you to the search engine and enter any course/subject you are interested in.

## **Other Resources**

### **Find beauty and interest in the everyday.**

Capture things that interest and excite you through drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles/stitch and photography etc.

You may want to work a small sketchbook, create Pinterest boards, work digitally or even collect items that interest you.

Try to practice your drawing skills using drawing techniques, Work with different materials to create interesting outcomes. Draw on card from your recycling box, newspaper, book paper and train tickets

Try to draw from real life where possible, although drawing from your own photographs is a valuable resource too.

### **What you may like to draw or record**

Architecture and street life  
Landscape  
Natural form  
Portraiture and the human form  
Interiors  
Pattern and texture  
Journeys