

A Level Art

To help you to make the best start in your new subject, and to help you explore different and enriching aspects of the subject, your teachers have prepared a Reading, Watching and Listening list. Please access all of these resources over the summer.

	Title	Description	Hyperlink
 Read	Ways of seeing- J Berger	John Berger's Ways of Seeing is one of the most stimulating and influential books on art in any language. First published in 1972, it was based on the BBC television series about which the (London) Sunday Times critic commented: "This is an eye-opener in more ways than one: by concentrating on how we look at paintings . . . he will almost certainly change the way you look at pictures."	https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/Ways_of_Seeing/ilu4K-Xp0v4C?hl=en&gbpv=0
 Read	The Story of Art- E.H Gombrich	Renowned not only as the best concise introduction to art history, but also as a classic of art historical literature, this book reflects the vast knowledge, insights, and expertise of one of this century's greatest art historians and thinkers.	https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/_/UFSfDAEACAAJ?hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwj-mcrrpq3xAhUvxiUKHTbSCgAQre8FMBJ6BAgIEAY
 Read	Your Sketchbook Your Self- Felicity Allen	The importance of a sketchbook for stimulating creative thinking in art students is widely recognized. This book provides all the advice, support, and inspiration needed to start and maintain a sketchbook. The book is illustrated with pages from the author's sketchbook and from the sketchbooks of many well-known artists, both historic and contemporary, including Turner, Picasso, Hockney, and Cornelia Parker. Subjects covered include choosing or making your own sketchbook, getting into the habit, and living with your mistakes. Clear, punchy, and packed with information, this book is the essential tool to inspire creativity.	https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/Your_Sketchbook_Your_Self/x944kgAACAAJ?hl=en
 Watch	Portrait Artist of the Year	Artists are getting their time in the spotlight with "Portrait Artist of the Year." An esteemed panel of judges	https://www.sky.com/watch/title/series/3e1cfda1-28a9-42f2-be75-

		travel across Europe in search of the brightest star in the art world. Each episode features a regional competition and contestants are challenged to produce a portrait of one of three famous sitters, the judges select who moves onto the semi-final. When three are remaining, the finalists will have their work displayed in the world-famous National Portrait Gallery in London and the winner will receive a \$10,000 commission to become a permanent part of the British Library.	220b7e8863ca/portrait-artist-of-the-year#:~:text=Stephen%20Mangan%20launches%20a%20new,and%20art%20historian%20Kate%20Bryan.
 Watch	Grayson's Art Club	Perry, one of Britain's leading artists, brings the nation together through art, making new works and hosting masterclasses set to unleash the collective creativity as we live through an unprecedented crisis.	https://www.graysonsartclub.com/
 Watch	David Hockney- A bigger Picture	Bruno Wollheim's 'A Bigger Picture ' follows Hockney's return to the Yorkshire landscape of his childhood as he approaches seventy. Filmed over three years it captures the immediacy of Hockney painting outside for the first time culminating with the largest picture ever made outdoors	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCnkbPs2HtI
 Watch	Jean Michel Basquiat- The Radiant Child	A thoughtful portrait of a renowned artist, this documentary shines the spotlight on New York City painter Jean-Michel Basquiat.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GZDEzchusE
 Watch	Banksy- Exit through the gift shop	A Banksy Film is a 2010 British documentary film, directed by street artist Banksy. It tells the story of Thierry Guetta, a French immigrant in Los Angeles, and his obsession with street art. The film charts Guetta's constant documenting of his every waking moment on film, from a chance encounter with his cousin, the artist Invader, to his introduction to a host of street artists with a focus on Shepard Fairey and Banksy, whose anonymity is preserved by obscuring his face and altering his voice, to Guetta's eventual fame as a street artist himself.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHJBdDSTbLw
	Forest, Field and Sky- Art out of nature	Dr James Fox takes a journey through six different landscapes across Britain, meeting artists whose work explores our relationship to the natural world. From Andy Goldsworthy's beautiful stone sculptures to James Turrell's	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q262DGh6QeM&list=PLM4S2hGZDSE7Nh27vfT6UTPWYkavRhj4-&t=0s

		extraordinary sky spaces, this is a film about art made out of nature itself	
 Listen	Art Matters	A podcast exploring the interesting ways art meets popular culture and non-traditional art topics... We look at what art history and visual culture can tell us about the world around us, and how our everyday interests make us excellent art critics.	https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/art-matters-art-uk-53iOM6eUtod/
 Listen	Talk Art	Actor Russell Tovey and gallerist Robert Diament host Talk Art, a podcast dedicated to the world of art featuring exclusive interviews with leading artists, curators & gallerists, and even occasionally their talented friends from other industries like acting, music and journalism. Listen in to explore the magic of art and why it connects us all in such fantastic ways.	https://play.acast.com/s/talkart
 Listen	Art Curious	A wildly entertaining and surprisingly educational dive into art history as you've never seen it before, from the host of the beloved Art Curious podcast	https://www.artcuriouspodcast.com/
 Listen	Art Detective	This series is designed to give bite-sized insights into the world of Art History, bringing one image to life across 20 minutes through discussion with experts. History is never far from view, so each image will be expanded to sit within the cultural and historical context that produced it	https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/dr-janina-ramirez-art-detective/id1182937767