

Y12 A level Art Journal Transition Project

What?

Create a visual art journal which reflects aspects of your own life and personality in a small A5 sketchbook or altered book.

How?

Use a combination of drawings, paintings and text/words to illustrate the suggested themes using a range of materials, techniques and processes.

Why?

To develop and refine your observation drawing skills by looking more closely at things around you that you see every day, and to explore skills in creating drawings from imagination.



Sketchbook and Journal ideas

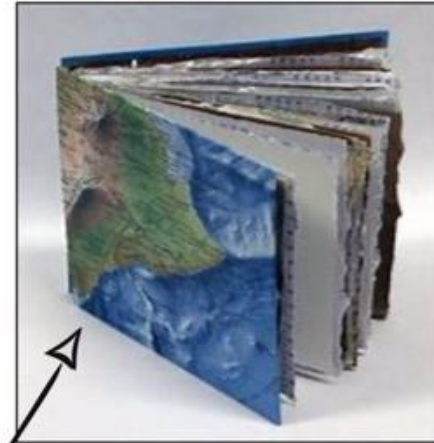
To begin with you will need a sketchbook. You would have made one in the taster session, but if you are using a ready made sketchbook, try to use one that is no bigger than A5 in size to create your journal as this is a good size. It's also just as easy to make your own - look at some of these examples for ideas. Just use whatever you have available at home. Check out the links and look on YouTube for ideas linked to handmade artist sketchbooks.



You can use an old, damaged or unwanted paper or hardback book and draw on top of the pages and words



Create an accordion or concertina journal by folding and gluing paper into a long strip.



Cardboard cover folded in half with a range of papers inside. Bound together by wrapping some string or an elastic band around the middle.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0HZZv9ArTM>

Page inspiration and layout ideas



You can use small titles using a relevant font as a way to give context to your page

Use annotation to write notes or add further information about the things you have drawn

Use more than one media or technique per double page. Try using different techniques, such as cross hatching, continuous line, detailed tonal studies etc



You can write down the location, date and the time that you do your page entry.

Think about literacy when you annotate your pages, and use these to create a flow and visual story which travels across different pages.

Use a range of different size drawings on the page and add small images and boxes



Think carefully about layout and composition. Some pages can be filled with images and others can have lots of empty space.

Week 1

- Spend this week making or upcycling a journal for your summer transition project. This sketchbook will be used in your first A Level Art/ Graphics/ Textile lesson in September so do your best to impress.
- Read the slides carefully and take time to plan and get inspired using the resources and research suggestions.
- You can decorate the cover but we will give you more information about what you could draw next week.
- Start collecting inspiring images and surfaces to work on now.

Want to do more? : Get inspired by **Artists** and **Research** different types of journaling.

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