

NAME: _____



A LEVEL ART & DESIGN



SUMMER HL



**You will need to complete the 2 following HLs
over the summer prior to your arrival in Y12.**



1) COMPLETE A STATEMENT OF INTENT ESSAY

In this statement of intent essay, you will write an extended piece about who you are as an artist. You are expected to write **a minimum of 1000 words**. This is excellent practice for the written element of our A level personal investigation project.



This essay can be typed up using a computer or written in a blue or black pen onto lined paper. Your essay must be printed or filed neatly, ready to be submitted.

The following questions below are designed to help you plan your essay:

1. What topics interests you? (e.g. Environmental issues, politics). What topics did you explore and investigate in your GCSE?
2. Do you plan to investigate this topic further in A level? Why/ Why not? How do you think you could explore this topic further?
3. Which artists have personally inspired you and how have they inspired your work?
4. What area of study (e.g. Fine art, Graphics, 3D, Textile, or photography) are you most interested in? How could you develop this area of study further at A level?
5. What type of media (painting, oil pastel etc.) are you most confident in and why? How could you develop your mastery over this media in A level?

**Your writing should include research and pictures (of your work or other artists) to support your essay. Remember to use formal elements in your writing as well to support your points (e.g. composition, tone, texture etc.).*

2) VISIT AND CONDUCT RESEARCH ON AN EXHIBITION, GALLERY OR MUSEUM



In this task, you will need to visit an exhibition, gallery or museum that links to your topic of interest (e.g. natural history museum for environmental issues, a political exhibition for feminism) and gather research. You should research online for what exhibitions are available to attend in summer.



This research can be presented through a mini booklet, a double page in your own sketchbook or notebook. This research can be typed up or written and presented neatly.



Your research must include the following



- The title of the exhibition
- Information about the exhibition
(who is the artist/ artists? Where is the exhibition? What is the aim of this exhibition?)
- Images of the exhibition work
(both your own and from online sources)
- A pamphlet/ information sheet from the exhibition
(You could highlight and make notes on this)
- Analysis of at least 4-5 artworks in this exhibitions
(Why have you chosen these artworks? What do you think is successful about these artworks? How could you be inspired by these artworks?)
- Your overall opinion about this exhibition.
(How does this exhibition link to your statement of intention and you as an artist? What could you learn from this exhibition?)
- Sketches and drawings from the exhibition
(This could be in any media e.g. pencil, pen, ink)



Examples of exhibition research



