



HOMEWORK: ART & DESIGN

Homework plays a very important role in helping students to **develop as young artists and designers**. Working **independently**, away from the classroom environment allows students to **develop their skills and ideas in a personal way** and build an **individual approach** to their work.

KEY STAGE 3

In Year 9, homework is used to extend students' understanding, allow them to explore and experiment as well as continue their development of key skills. All homework is either linked to learning in the current project or is a Creative Burst, Super Curriculum task.

KEY STAGE 4

Homework at GCSE is always related to, and forms part of the students' current project work. Each project is part of the Non Exam Assessment (NEA) submission and therefore each homework task contributes to the NEA. Homework tasks include visual research (photography), observational studies, material experiments, reviewing and refinements and artist/designer analysis tasks.

KEY STAGE 5

Homework at A-Level is always related to, and forms part of the students' current project work. From the Spring term in Year 12 until the end of Year 13 each project is part of the Non Exam Assessment (NEA) submission and therefore each homework task contributes to the NEA. Homework tasks include Visual Research (photography), observational studies, material experiments, reviewing and refinements and artist/designer analysis tasks.

PRIVATE STUDY

Private Study tasks are integral to each student project. They allow students to develop their work outside of their lessons and are intended to give students opportunities to develop a more personal approach to their work. Tasks include ideas development, observational studies, materials experiments, reviewing and refinements and research based tasks. Students have access to Art and Design rooms and/or the Sixth Form Studio during Private Study lessons.

GCSE and A-Level students have a work planner for each project that sets out classwork and homework tasks for each week. At A-Level it also sets out Private Study tasks. Students should use this to help them organise their time.

ADVICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS

The biggest support a parent can provide for their child is a space to work, as well as encouragement to keep going even when the work is challenging. Encouraging children to talk to their teacher when they are stuck, unsure or if they are finding the challenge of homework tasks overwhelming is also very helpful.

Students usually benefit from having some basic art equipment at home for their home learning. For Year 9 students, pencils, pencil crayons and if possible some paint are helpful. GCSE and A-Level Fine Art students find having some acrylic paint and brushes at home useful. Textiles students

use basic sewing equipment, coloured threads and fabrics in their homework. Please encourage your child to talk to their teacher if they are unsure about home art and design equipment or if they have any concerns about this.