

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Component 1 Personal Investigation (AQA)

In order to successfully complete this Component students have to fulfil all four assessment objectives. The breakdown and explanation the whole specification can be found on this website:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/as-and-a-level>

Students are expected to visit galleries/museums and other events in order to support their recording of observations and development of ideas. Also, to take their own photographs, sketches, complete study drawings/paintings or even produce a journal of their gallery visits or record observations where they develop their skills further.

Over the Summer it would be great for students to start thinking about the theme or topic they are interested in and all the work mentioned previously can be then closely connected to their topic. For example, if a student is interested in human form, they should research the artists who depict human body in variety of ways, then visit a gallery or museum where his/her work is exhibited and start drawing from life or from photographs, take own photographs and start exploring this topic in depth.

All students must analyse and connect their work with the work of others. It is not stated how many artists/cultures they need to analyse, but the connection must be clear and in-depth, which means closely studied and explored in variety of media. Then using their own sources (photographs, life drawn studies, sketches) students should the techniques learned and create their own responses, which should lead to some enlarged final outcomes completed in any media. It is necessary to have a collection of final outcomes, but they must be supported by preparatory work.

Useful Websites

<https://www.studentartguide.com/>

<https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/writing-the-a2-art-personal-study>

<https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-sketchbook-ideas>

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/art-and-design/AQA-AS-A-ART-TG-GUIDE.PDF>

Video presentations of A* students' work:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEql6Ycticc>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQvp_kiZ5co

Useful book

AQA Art & Design AS/A2: Student Handbook