

Fine Art & Photography

Year 12 Fine Art and Photography Homework: To go to at least one Art gallery / exhibition

You will create 5 x A3 CREATIVELY PRESENTED art boards to display your findings from visiting the art gallery/galleries of your choice – you will present these to your peers on the first lesson back in September.

Visiting an art gallery is a great opportunity for you to further develop your understanding of Art.

In order to get the most of your visit you need to:

- **Prepare well ahead of time** so you know when the exhibitions are on that you want to attend – do a bit of Internet research on a search engine to see what is on and where. Depending on your city (London will be superb for this as lots of famous galleries), there may be more than one option when searching for an art gallery. Visit each gallery's website to determine which one will meet your needs and tastes best!
- **Decide what kind of gallery you want to visit** – Each gallery will have a speciality, whether it be classical or contemporary art, and knowing what kind of art you enjoy most will be important when making your decision. Remember – Contemporary art galleries will be very different than classical art galleries in both style and aesthetic!!
- **Browse the gallery's collection online** – have a look at this to get an idea of what you will be viewing on the day. Many galleries have a full list of artists currently being shown.
- **Find out if you need to book tickets for the exhibition in advance** – some exhibitions you can just turn up on the day. It depends how popular the artist or exhibition is! Purchase your ticket online if necessary – this will save time and avoid queues at your gallery visit if you book your ticket in advance. Some galleries will be free, others may charge an entry ticket. Ticket costs can depend on the size of the gallery you are visiting. Famous artists can cost more but it will be great to see their work!!
- **Decide on how much time you can spend at the gallery** – get there at opening time so that you can spend a fair bit of time there. It depends on how big the gallery is too as it may have a big collection of artist work. Some art galleries are so large that it can be difficult to view everything in one trip – can it be viewed over 2 days? If unable to spend an entire day at the gallery, then plan the art exhibits that coincide with your interests and visit these instead.
- **Ask questions about the work to the gallery employees** – write down what questions you asked and what answers were given. Make it a meaningful experience – you don't want to leave the gallery and regret not getting everything you wanted done. Read the descriptions at the beginning of each exhibit.
- **Critically analyse artefacts you visit** – make a note of the key details about what it is you are studying and analyse in the same way as what you did in Fine Art GCSE
- **TAKE LOTS OF PHOTOS – THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET FIRST HAND EVIDENCE – I WANT TO SEE ALL YOUR IMAGES WHEN YOU RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL – REMEMBER TO PHOTOGRAPH THE PAINTING LABELS TOO SO YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF THE ARTWORK AND ARTIST NAMES. ORGANISE YOUR PHOTOS WHEN YOU GET HOME SO THAT YOU KNOW WHICH ARE YOUR BEST ONES TO USE FOR YOUR ARTIST BOARDS**
- **CONSOLIDATE YOUR LEARNING** - When you come back from the gallery, research your favourite pieces online and learn more about the artist's work. Do some very impressive artist copies of their work using art media – put these on the boards too.

ON YOUR GALLERY VISIT DAY:

Fully charged camera, SD card or fully charged mobile phone (check the gallery's photography policy before snapping!)

Comfy clothes and footwear – you could be walking a fair bit!

Purchase an audio guide if needed – audio tours are very handy giving you information on the exhibits

Take a note pad and pen – Taking notes about what you noticed about the artwork on the day is very important – helps you reflect.

