# Year 12 A-Level Art & Photography Summer Transition Project

## What?

Create a visual art/photography journal (depending on specialism) which reflects aspects of your own life and personality in a small A5 sketchbook or altered book.

## How?

Artists - Use a combination of drawings, paintings and text/words to illustrate the suggested themes using a range of materials, techniques and processes. Photographers – use B&W or colour based on your preference – think about image sizes. You may use words too.

Why?

To develop and refine your observational drawing skills by looking more closely at things around you that you see every day, and to explore skills in creating drawings from imagination. Photographers will have the chance to document what is around them in creative ways and viewpoints.



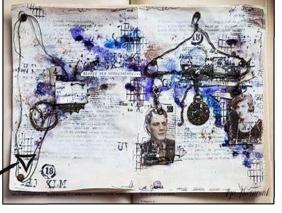


#### **Sketchbook and Journal ideas**

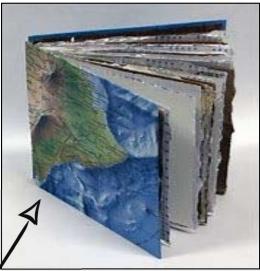
To begin with you will need a sketchbook which you could potentially make yourself, but otherwise, if you are using a ready made sketchbook, try to use one that is no bigger than A5 in size to create your journal as this is a good size. It's can be easy to make your own - look at some of these examples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



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







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



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



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#### What will I draw/photograph?

Each double page will have a theme (I have given you 30) which should keep you busy over the summer. You can draw from direct observation, use your own photos or find images on the internet to draw as inspiration. Look at the slides below with artists who use sketchbooks and journals.

Bring your finished book in first week back in September.













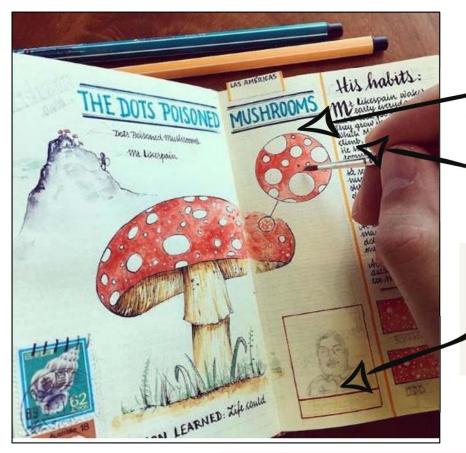
You can also collage things into your journal and draw on top of them!



Receipts Tickets Wrappers Scrap paper Envelopes Postcards Flyers Newspapers



#### 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/photographed.

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

Think about literacy when you annotate your pages, and use text and words 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.



#### Jose Naranja

Jose Naranja turns ordinary notebooks into highly detailed works of art. The artist uses watercolours, stamps, writing, elements of photography and drawings to turn each notebook into a one of a kind masterpiece.



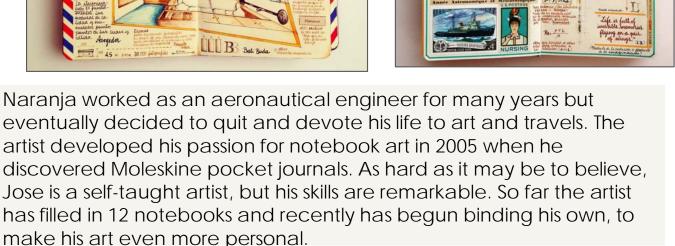
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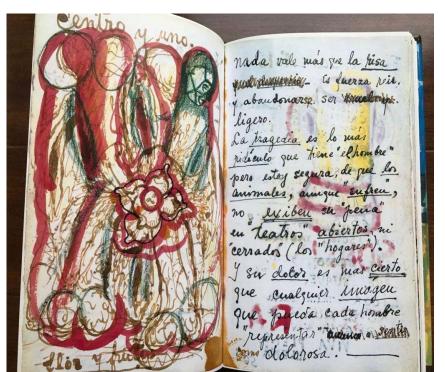




#### Frida Kahlo

Frida Kahlo's life was expressed through her work. A chronological look at her artwork provides an understanding of the events that changed her life: her passions, motivations, disappointments, and desires. Painting was therapeutic for her, however, writing and keeping a diary also helped her to establish a relationship with herself, and to find a way of expressing her afflictions during the final 10 years of her life.

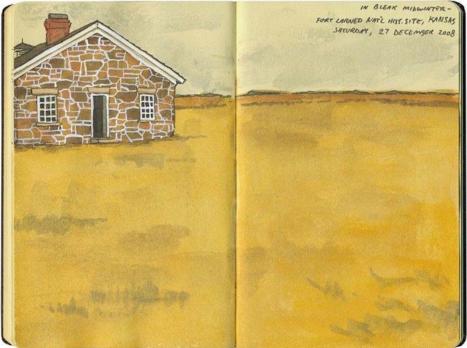




Kahlo found that writing, as well as painting, was useful not just for communicating with her family and friends – but also as a way of connecting with her own feelings, conveying her ideas on her artistic practice, and expressing her worries and pains, both physical and emotional.

















#### **Guillermo Del Toro**



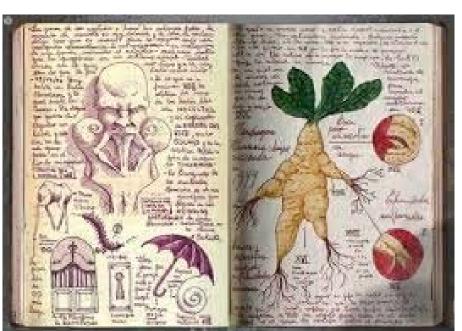
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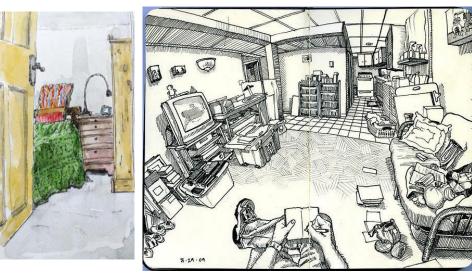
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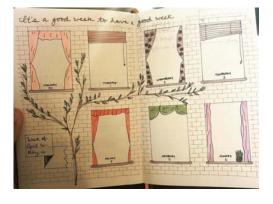


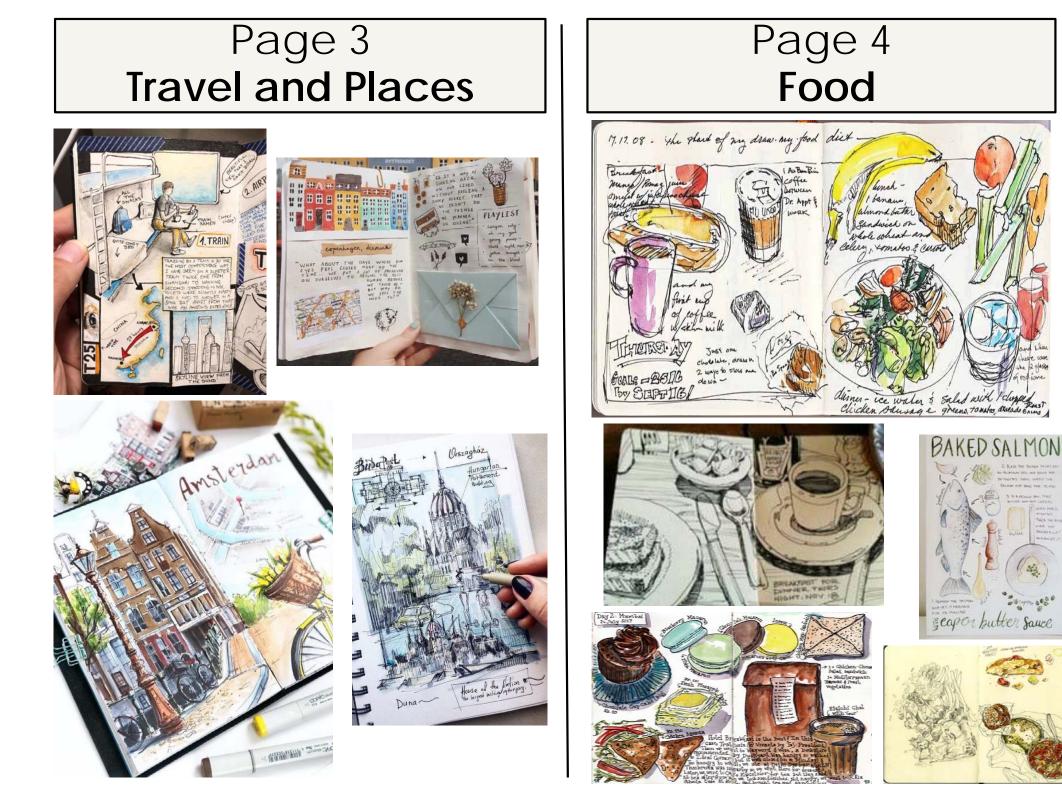


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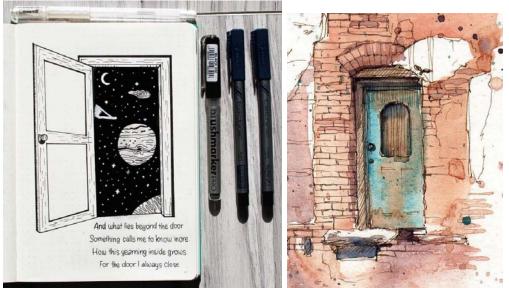






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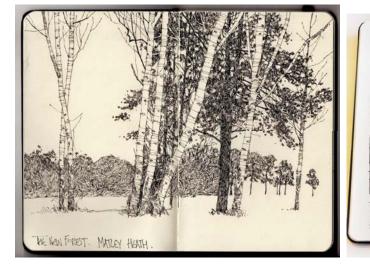
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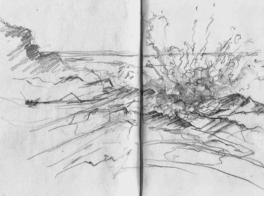
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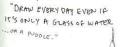


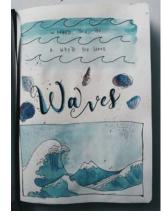






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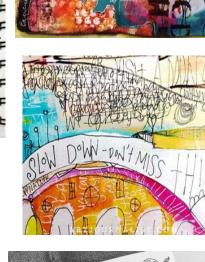




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#### Page 12 Nature











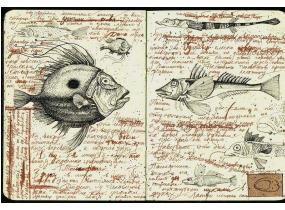
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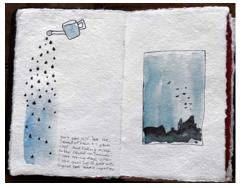






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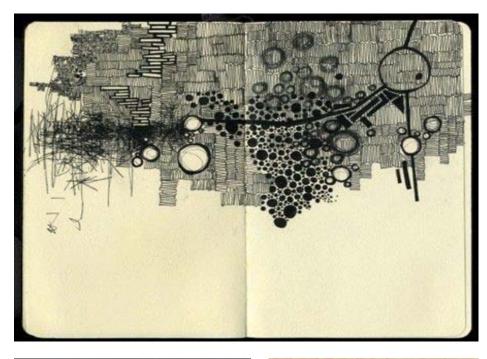


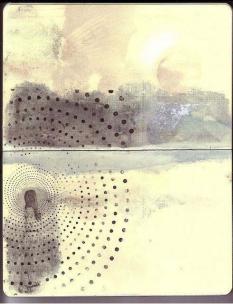


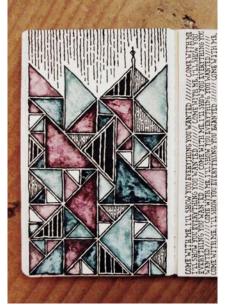




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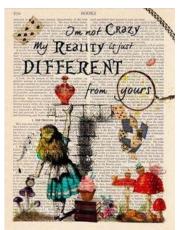




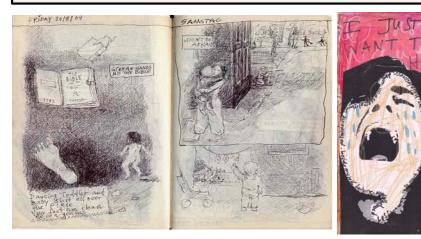


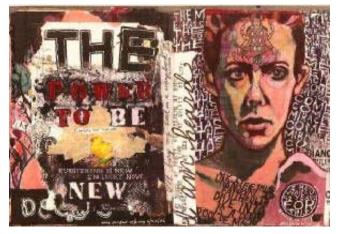






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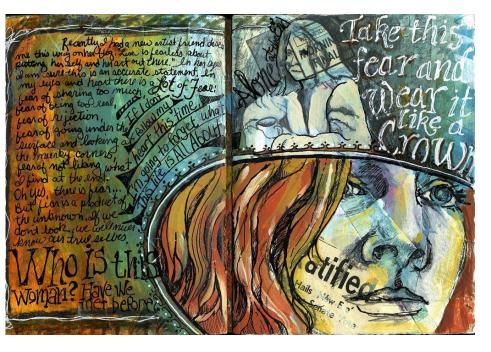








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#### Page 25 Favourite Artist





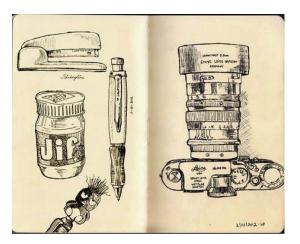








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