



Textiles

We are asking all students to complete some Independent Preparatory Work over the summer, before they join Year 12 in September. You will need to bring this work to lessons as the content will be assessed through introductory assessments which will be completed within the few first weeks of the new term.

Tasks

Task 1:

Over the summer we would like you to pick your theme from below (as discussed on induction day). This will be your theme for your coursework unit so think carefully about what interests and motivates you.

- Narrative
- Our World
- Transformation

Once you have chosen your theme we would then like you to create your own mind map to show your ideas and provide a starting point for one-to-one tutorials in September. I have included our collaborative mind maps from induction to help you.

Task 2:

Choose one of the artists that we have suggested for your theme and research them. This includes reading about them, looking at their work, watching a documentary or interview with them, sketching their work, taking your own photos inspired by them or even visiting a museum or exhibition. This work doesn't need to be presented but collate it all together in a folder ready to discuss and review at your one-to-one tutorial.

Task 3:

When you have chosen your theme, you should then use the summer to collect, record and capture what it means to you. Suggestions for what you could including: draw, photograph, write, collect things (tickets, labels, packaging...), collage, stitch, print making, rubbings, flower/leaf pressing...

Task 4:

Buy yourself a sketchbook!

You will need an A3 spiral bound sketchbook. Make sure the paper quality is good and not too thin. We recommend Hobbycraft. Avoid WHSmiths and The Works. Tried and tested brands from Amazon include Pink Pig sketchbooks, Geko sketchbooks and Seawhites. You can choose whether to work portrait or landscape.

We would also recommend investing in your own sewing kit, though not essential as we do have equipment for you, some of our previous students have liked having their own fabric scissors, needles and unpicker to hand. It will also allow you to work suitably from home.



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Extra reading