

Visual Art homework Policy and Overview

Importance of Homework

Homework provides useful opportunities to extend/consolidate or practice/rehearse learning started in lessons. It is also an important activity in terms of developing independent learning skills with our students and getting them into good learning habits. Our departmental flight paths from year 7 to 9 link directly to GCSE assessment objectives which allow students to follow a personalised, varied and challenging art and design curriculum which prepares them fully for the GCSE qualification. In all of our GCSE's, whether it is graphics, photography or art and design, our homework tasks and coursework are intergrated and are not separated . We expect students to work on coursework independently in KS4 to build their portfolios and so our KS3 homework tasks reflect this.

Type of Homework

Students will be set 10 pieces of homework over the year. This may be 3 or 4 per term depending on the length of the term and the amount of time the teacher sees the class. The homework will be personalised depending on the theme of the class project set. Tasks will directly relate to the assessment criteria set out in the flight path tracker. Although themes will vary all students will have the opportunity to cover the basic principles of visual arts through an exploration of drawing, painting, design, graphics, photography, 3D work or contextual studies. There may also be additional research based homeworks given or smaller tasks in addition if relevant to the project.

As KS4 homework is intrinsically linked to portfolio building, we feel the greatest success at KS3 comes from having project based homeworks. Individual teachers will advise on interim deadlines to enable students to plan and develop their homework to the highest standard. This prepares them fully for the expectations at KS4 and beyond.

There is no requirement for specialist equipment as we encourage students to use their lunchtimes to complete homework if they would like or they may be able to borrow the relevant equipment from their teacher. However, it is useful if the student has a basic set of coloured pencils alongside their standard school equipment.