

How to prepare for the Art exam



FINAL PIECE IDEA

- Sketch out & annotate your final piece
- Use your best ideas and most successful practical work in your final piece
- Do not think you have to include everything you have done – be selective
- Your final piece must link back to your project

**ART EXAM
READY?**



SKETCHBOOK

- Check you are up to date: no unfinished pages
- Be sure to have relevant artist links
- Thoughtful annotation and evaluation to show the progress of your ideas
- High quality practical work explained showing refinement
- Primary observations (photographs, drawings etc.)

EXAM PLAN

- Create an exam plan in your sketchbook or a sheet of paper
- Depending on your project it might be quite detailed or simple – whatever will benefit you most.
- Use that plan as an opportunity to think about potential issues – drying times etc.
- Include the following in your plan:
 - *An annotated sketch of your planned piece*
 - *A list of materials you will be using*
 - *Your planned timings*
 - *Key reminders to yourself e.g. artist links*



ON THE DAY

- Arrive early so you can arrange and check your materials
- Keep an eye on time – review your progress as you go and set mini targets to make sure you will finish on time
- If something does not work as expected, do not panic; review your options calmly
- Make sure you have eaten and drink plenty to keep your energy and concentration
- Take a moment to stand back and review what you are doing, every now and then – check back to your sketchbook and prep pieces
- Do not be afraid to adapt your idea a little if necessary

