

Summer homework: A Sense of Place

The theme of A sense of Place covers a variety of interesting areas and can range from a concrete space of area to a conceptual realm. It can be personal or purely observational, local or international. In response to the myriad of questions this theme raises you will be required to physically explore the theme of A sense of Place in an investigative manner.

Task 1

We are often unaware of our surroundings, yet we live in one of the largest urban areas in the world.

You are to document your surroundings whether this be while you are out for a daily walk, going to work, going to school, gathering items or riding on public transport etc. Take this opportunity to started aiming your work towards content that interests you.

Choose a minimum of 2 spaces and while over the holiday and take pictures as you walk, stationary, 360. These pictures should be considered, taken from various angles, stationary and while moving- you are documenting an area.

We will use the photos to further propel your personal concepts when you return to school in September.

Task 2

To create a documentation of further in-depth thought you are to choose items from the 2 areas that you have documented and draw them in a variety of media, techniques, and angles. Often items around go unseen or unregistered but are a large part of creating or influencing a mood or feeling of an area. Think about the more formal elements such as texture, shadow, and composition. Play around with lighting and position. Use this as a chance to experiment with combinations of materials you have never used before and to layer media. The goal ultimately is to show your drawing ability so choose wisely to complement the item and your own personal style.

It is key that these tasks are completed for September as the start of the conceptual element of your coursework relies on them. You are in an A level class, your ideas, preconceived notions, and beliefs will be fundamentally challenged and you will be pushed to think in more abstract concepts.

I am looking forward to starting next year off right and having one of the best years for the art department.

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