

GCSE Art and Design homework expectation.

When will homework be set and when is it due in?

Mrs Garge - 11A homework set/due every Week A and Week B Monday.

Ms Weaving – 11A homework set/due every Week A Friday.

Ms Weaving - 11D homework set/due every Week A and Week B Wednesday.

Ms Davies – 11D homework set/due every Week A Thursday.

How much time should be spent on art homework tasks?

At least two hours per week should be spent on art homework. The weekly homework tasks help students to think, plan, support next steps and the development of ideas. Art, as a creative practical subject, does require forward thinking, time to create, to problem-solve and then deliver. Homework is set on ClassCharts with support and useful resources posted on the Year 11 Art Firefly subject page. <https://kow.fireflycloud.net/art/gcse-art-1/year-11>

Please ensure that your child is able to log into ClassCharts on a device they use for schoolwork. Also please note there is a parent APP where you can see each homework set each week and if your child has completed it.

What are the Homework tasks?

Typical art homework includes.

- annotation: writing about your own work or reading up on, researching an artist, making notes, analysing the context of the work and how it was created
- or a photo shoot
- creating a mood board of ideas
- producing a drawing, painting or collage
- designing and planning personal outcomes, getting ready for the next lesson with ideas and imagery

For students with limited access to printing at home, images for printing can be attached to the ClassCharts homework task or emailed to rweaving@kowessex.co.uk or DGarge@kowessex.co.uk as a word document, Power Point slide or presented using PicCollage. There is no need to print from home as The Faculty has a high-quality printer and paper.

Literacy support and how to annotate sketchbooks can be found here <https://kow.fireflycloud.net/art/art-annotations>

What support is on offer at Kings?

To support students in completing homework, and students in need of one-to-one support the following art sessions are running in the lead up to the final deadline for Component 1 in December 2023. Students are expected to attend at least six sessions in the Autumn Term, please discuss preferred dates and ask your child to sign up in the classroom. Students can attend on a drop-in basis or by arrangement from a parent via an email to Ms Weaving. This is an opportunity for students to improve their portfolio, and gain additional marks, moving them to a higher grade with an emphasis on stretch and challenge.

Monday – Wednesday from 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Monday - Thursday from 3:15pm – 4:30pm

We also have optional lunchtime and afterschool workshops to support their portfolio of work and as an opportunity to develop a specialism.

Clay Club

Tuesday 13:30 – 14:00

Lino Print Making

Wednesday 13:30 – 14:00

Screen printing

Wednesday 15:30pm – 17:00pm

Acrylic Painting Master Class

Thursday 15:15 – 16:30

Screen printing

Wednesday 15:30pm – 17:00pm

What you can do to support your child at home:

1. Talk to them regularly about their project as it is helpful for them to discuss their ideas and talk about ways they could realise them; as well as any difficulties they have.
2. Support Homework - Ask them about the minimum two-hour weekly homework and check they have the resources to complete it.
3. Ensure they have access to their Kings email, ClassCharts and Firefly accounts.
4. Sign up to ClassCharts parent APP so that you can prompt completion of homework and monitor deadlines. Email the class teacher if you have any questions.
5. Check they have all the materials they need and ensure that art equipment at home is topped up! This could range from acrylics paint, gouache paints, water colours, water colour pencils, a range of paintbrushes, oil pastels collage materials, glue stick to black fine liner pens and white gel pen.
6. Some techniques are time-consuming and require a lot of motivation; a comfortable place to work helps, encourage them to take breaks and offer lots of praise.
7. IT skills – teach them how to transfer images from a mobile phone to a PC ready for printing via their Kings student email account or a USB stick.
8. Encourage them to work at home to create sustained, quality homework, motivate them to attend the extra sessions, and work with focus in lessons.
9. Check their timetable at the start of each week, make sure they are prepared for the practical art lessons coming up, and that they have packed their sketchbook in their bag on an art lesson day!
10. Support with research; take them to galleries or take them out and about to draw, photograph or collect resources.
11. For students interested in photography it can be helpful for you to drive or go with them to specific locations or help them find the right props/items for a photo shoot. Having your own photos can really move forward and personalise a project theme which is what the examiner is looking for.