Introduction to A level Art Summer Task

During the summer break, we would like you to create a summer journal on the theme of 'Connections'. We have made this brainstorm to help you consider all kinds of approaches to the theme, but you are welcome to interpret it in any way you like:

Family trees **Letters**

Gender **Diaries** **social media**

Relationships **Emotions**

Society **mind, body & soul**

animal/human **loving/deadly**

Embrace **Travel**

Environment **Borders** **Symbols**

Conceptual

Music & dance

Religions **History**

Immigration/borders

CONNECTIONS

Chains **Knots**

Fabrics - weaving, knitting, crochet

Nuts & bolts **Mechanisms**

Tunnels, passageways, arches

Bridges, aquaducts,

Cables

World wide web

Sequences

Code

Networks

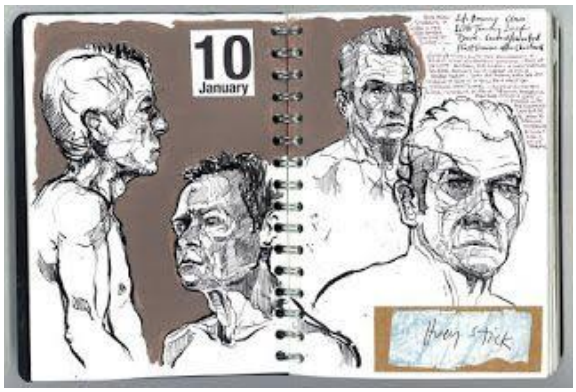
Molecules **Cells**

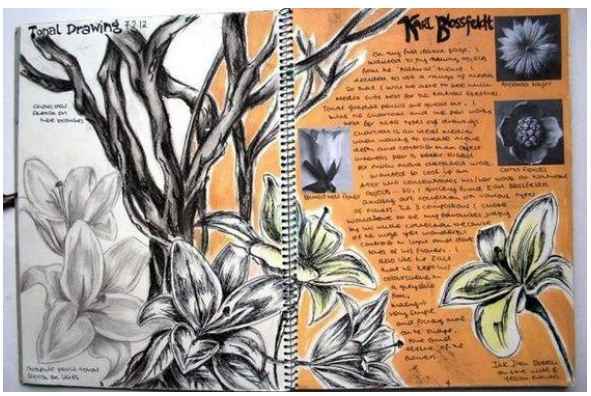
Nests **Webs** **Chemical**

Time (fossils, archaeology, geology)

Evolution

In response to this theme, fill a sketchbook (roughly A5 in size) with as many creative experiments and observations as possible: drawings, paintings, collages, rubbings, photo montages, written thoughts and observations, etc. This could be based upon your seen experiences of the environment, man-made and natural objects and people, but could also include more imaginary ideas, patterns, conceptual and abstract work.





In addition to personal responses, we would like you to visit at least four art galleries or museums. While looking at these collections, note down the names of artists and artworks, creating at least one double page spread in your journal per visit that documents your experience (both visually and through some written analysis/commentary).

Here is a list of recommended gallery and museum web sites, but there are many more:

Tate Galleries, UK

https://www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource

Royal Academy, London

https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/art-artists

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/masterpieces-up-close

Musee D'Orsay, Paris

https://www.musee-orsay.fr/

J Paul Getty Museum, LA

https://getty.edu/

Barbican Centre, London

https://www.barbican.org.uk/read-watch-listen

Victoria & Albert Museum, London

https://www.vam.ac.uk/collections?type=featured

National Gallery, London

https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours

MOMA, New York

https://www.moma.org/calendar/groups/58

Museu de arte de Sao Paulo

https://masp.org.br/en/collections

Altes Museum, Berlin

https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/altes-museum-staatliche-museen-zu-berlin

Museo del Prado, Madrid

https://www.museodelprado.es/en/the-collection