

Art Department Summer Project

As a pre-course task, over the summer, art students are to complete a



visual diary



A visual diary is a **personal, creative** book that enables you to **document** and express your own **visual inspiration**, thoughts and opinions. A good visual journal reflects your personality and interests.

You need to complete a **double page spread** within a sketchbook (this could be a reclaimed book, map, scrapbook, diary etc.) **each week**.

Document what you find **visually interesting**. This could be as simple as something from your immediate environment – a plant in your bedroom (completed from different angles? Different media?), views from different points along a walk, paraphernalia from particular interest or hobby, a holiday, a museum or gallery visit...

Include **observational drawings**, quick sketches and rough ideas, tighter more controlled drawing, a wide variety of media and backgrounds, musings, reminders, reflections...
Make each page interesting!

Concentrate on **presentation and composition**. Note down words, document your thoughts and feelings.

Visit an **art exhibition** and document this in your sketchbook with tickets, photos, sketches and annotation. Modern Art Oxford or any London galleries are great. Your visual diary should tell others something about yourself, what grabs your attention and how you like to **express yourself**.

