Getting Ready to Study Art & Design at College

The 'Getting Ready' list below gives you resources and activities you can use to get ready for when your course starts at Colchester Institute in September. We have picked mostly resources and activities you can access on-line and we have some suggestions too of other resources in the 'Going Further' section.

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1.The Art and Design section of BBC Bitesize includes a resource on the **'Creative Process'** designed to help GCSE students understand the different stages in the development of a creative project. There are 10 short videos on topics such as 'finding inspiration', 'developing ideas' and 'analysing and evaluating'. Most of the ideas are applicable across all specialisms and understanding the principles should provide you with a good foundation for study next academic year. We'd like you to watch the films at:

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk8xpv4

2. It's important to try and keep being creative whilst in lockdown. Creative organisations and communities have created lots of free resources to help inspire you to make things whilst you are at home. We've listed some below and would really like to see which activities you are interested in and how you respond. It's completely up to you which you choose to do; whatever you do make, please bring examples when you start your Art & Design course.

- www.firstsite.uk/art-is-where-the-home-is - sign up for Firstsite's activity packs with lots of ideas of things to do featuring contributions from artists including **Antony Gormley, Sarah Lucas and Gillian Wearing**
- www.designmuseum.org/digital-design-calendar/young-design-museum - lots of free resources to inspire young designers to stay creative during lockdown.
- Launched on the Martin Parr Foundation Instagram account (@martinparrfdn), the photographer Martin Parr is announcing photographic challenges that must be completed within the home.
- The Instagram account Isolation Art School (@isolationartschool) has lots of projects, lessons and tips by artists to help people get creative.

Going Further to study Art & Design at Colchester Institute

It's important that you have an interest in, and want to know more about contexts that influence creatives, for example other cultures, artists and designers. We've suggested a number of ways for you to do these using online resources. While you look at these, make notes and drawings to record what interests you; the names, places and ideas you encounter.

- The Google Street Art Project provides a platform where you can view some of the world's most amazing street art... www.streetart.withgoogle.com/en/online-exhibitions
- www.youtube.com/user/tate - subscribe to the Tate YouTube channel where you can see new films about art each week; in this weeks recommended section you can take a tour of the new Andy Warhol exhibition
- www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000f1xt/secrets-of-the-museum the BBC is screening a series about the V & A museum collections to help you learn more about fascinating artefacts from Star Wars costumes to Raphael paintings.

You can find information for new students at:

https://www.colchester.ac.uk/further-education/applying-full-time-courses/