

Edexcel GCSE Art and Design
Unit 2 Externally set assignment 2012

The exam theme is **Ordinary and / or Extraordinary**

Things to know, do and remember:

- Preparation period is approximately 20 hours / 3 months / 20 lessons
- 10 hour timed test date TBC
- ESA is worth 40% of the GCSE
- Half way through the preparation period there is an art trip to the Saatchi Gallery and the NPG, designed to help develop and extend your ideas.
- Your preparatory studies will be largely done in the new A4 sketchbook, but you do **not need** to be confined to it.

The sketchbook layout sheet attached should be used as a guide only. Use pages as you choose to document other sources of information, images and ideas.

The contextual based studies will mainly be done as independent study work / homework and **not** done in your lesson time.

The deadline for completion of the initial contextual research is the w/b 12th March

The following studies can be done in any order. Your job is to plan, what, how and where you will gather the visual information for them. You will use your art lessons to develop and present these outcomes in an imaginative way that demonstrates your understanding of the theme.

1. Keeping a record of a journey.

Choose one that is personal, familiar and routine to you.

This could be done as one / or a combination of the following techniques:

Photographically

Handwritten or diary blog

Film

Comic strip style sketches

Purpose

To capture and reflect on the small differences of details.

2. Collage / Photomontage

Collect different images of essentially the same type of object from both primary and secondary sources e.g.

Doors

Windows

Wheels

Places of worship

Bags

Purpose

To consider the nature and breadth of visual differences between objects that all have the same purpose.

3. Select and photograph an interior or exterior scene.

Create a series of images that capture the scene in different types of light and at different times of day.

Purpose

To observe the way that things change under different types of light.

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