**ART AND DESIGN**

**(Fine Art and Photography)**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Fakenham Sixth Form Art Department.  In order to prepare you for your new art course, it is important that you keep your visual awareness sharp and maintain your practical skills in order to make a positive start to the course.

You can help yourself a great deal by making a start to your course before September.  The course is based around coursework and an external exam.  This means that you need to find a direction and focus for your work that will offer opportunities for you to show how good you are in all of the assessment objectives.

Things to do over the summer:

Take the theme:

**Natural forms**

Explore the theme through drawing and photography. There are many interesting opportunities to develop personal ideas, for example look at the textures and environments around you. Whilst out on a walk, you could collect drawings and photographs of wild flowers or find natural forms such as shells. Personal interpretation is important.  How you relate to the theme and identify artistic possibilities will help you produce a personal portfolio. A selection of sketches and photographs will need to be brought in for September.

It will be really beneficial, if you can visit an exhibition or view one online, focusing on some pieces which inspire you. Include pictures and annotation of any exhibition view.

Have a good summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

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