

# ART DEPARTMENT

# TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 ART student



- 1** Develop your drawing for different purposes. Add to a drawing diary or sketchbook using a range of media, marks and warm-up exercises. Investigate and record what's around you.
- 2** Develop your critical understanding through wider reading. You can explore the library, ask for reading suggestions from your art teacher or visit sites such as 'The Art Story'.
- 3** Watch documentaries about art to inform your critical understanding. Good examples include Tate Shots, the Arts Section of BBC iPlayer and online museum resources such as Tate, MoMA, National Gallery, British Museum and the V&A.
- 4** Develop your understanding of the creative process of individual artists by watching series such as 'What do artists do all day?'
- 5** Expand your art skills by investigating and exploring new processes or media by watching a YouTube clip.
- 6** Develop your confidence in using a range of art vocabulary by creating a subject specific glossary of key terms.
- 7** Research and identify opportunities for art workshops and end of year shows to support your progression.
- 8** Keep up to date with which exhibitions are current and up and coming. Follow VMA departmental social media accounts for information about what your teachers and fellow students recommend going to see.
- 9** Develop an online presence by setting up and uploading your ideas to platforms such as Instagram and Flickr.
- 10** Develop your portfolio by identifying and engaging with independent projects such as Inktober and the 365 Challenge.