# A-LEVEL ART

## Showing Development in your Project

One of the most important things you must demonstrate you can do within your project is showing 'development' within your work.

But what does this actually mean?

Most students can develop ideas from their research which is great in GCSE Art but, at A-Level you need to show your thoughts and ideas in more depth and develop them even further for the really high marks.

You are aiming to show a 'story' in your folder of work. This must show how you got from your first ideas and areas of research to your final outcome by documenting all the thoughts, experiments, tests and ideas you have made along the way.

However small the test or little your idea, it is really important that you consider developing all of this thinking in your project on paper.

USE THIS BOOKLET OF EXAMPLES AND HINTS ON HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR IDEAS ALONGSIDE YOUR PROJECT. USE IT TO REFER BACK TO WHEN YOU GET STUCK AND CONSIDER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS IN THIS BOOKLET TO GIVE YOU FURTHER IDEAS.





#### NOTICE HOW THESE BOARDS HAVE A RUNNING COLOUR PALETTE YET THE IDEAS ARE ALL DIFFERENT. THIS STUDENT IS SHOWING ALL THE DIFFERENT OUTCOMES HE COULD ACHIEVE/MAKE WITH THESE COLOURS AND MATERIALS.

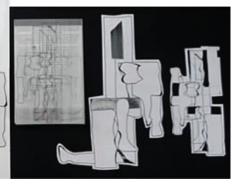




WHISLT THIS COULD BE HELPED WITH SOME **SMALL ANNOTATIONS** ALL OF THE **IDEAS AND TESTS ARE CLEAR AND** YOU CAN SEE HOW THE IDEAS HAVE 'DEVELOPED' FROM THE TOP **BOARDS TO** THE COMPOSTION SKETCHES AND TESTS AT THE BOTTOM







ANNOTATIONS ARE IMPORTANT HOWEVER,
REMEMBER YOU ARE BEING MARKED ON YOUR ABILITY TO THINK AND
SHOW YOUR IDEAS. IF YOU CAN SHOW YOUR IDEAS BETTER BY TESTING OR
MAKING SOMETHING THEN DO IT. USE YOUR ANNOTATIONS TO THEN
EXPLAIN WHETHER IT WAS SUCCESSFUL OR NOT.



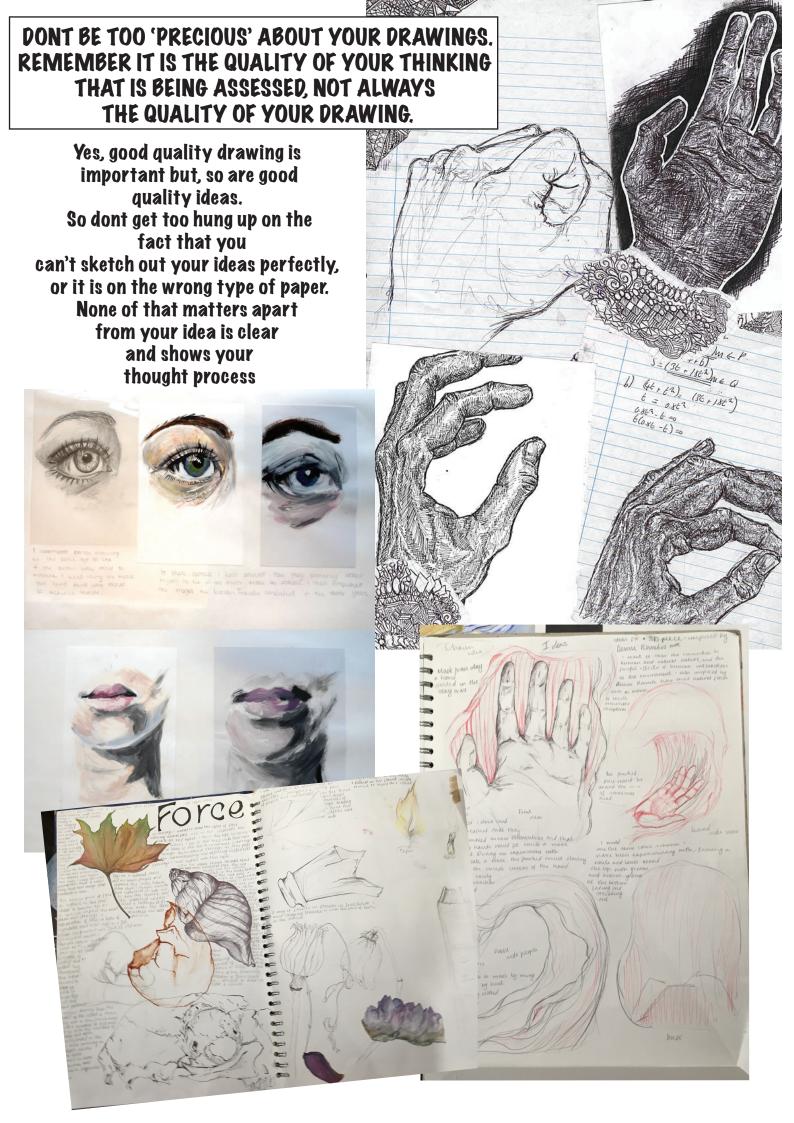
DONT SPEND LOTS OF TIME MAKING ENDLESS ARTIST COPIES.

IT IS MORE IMPORTANT YOU LOOK AT AN ARTIST WORK AND HOW THEY USE DIFFERENT MEDIA AND THEN DEVELOP YOUR OWN DRAWINGS IN THE SAME WAY AS THAT ARTIST LIKE THESE EXAMPLE BELOW



FROM THIS YOU WILL THEN NEED TO DEVELOP
THESE IDEAS EVEN FURTHER USING OTHER
COMPOSITIONS AND MATERIALS AND MEDIA.

SECTION FROM OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING PAINTED WITH THE SAME MEDIA AND TECHNIQUES AS THE ARTIST



## TEST SKETCHES OF FINAL OUTCOME IDEAS ARE REALLY KEY TO YOUR DEVELOPMENT 'STORY'

This is where you can really 'go crazy' with your ideas. In fact more is more here and even if you dont use all your ideas the point is that you HAVE THOUGHT about other possibilities. This is the point where you show that you have SELECTED the most appropriate ideas and materials. In other words, the ones that look the best.



### KEY QUESTIONS TO SHOW YOUR CRITICAL THINKING

SO YOUR STILL CONFUSED AND STUCK?! TRY ASKING YOURSELF ONE/SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS AND JOT DOWN YOUR RESPONSE OR THOUGHTS ON A SCRAP PIECE OF PAPER.

THEN CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO CREATE A BOARD OF WORK BASED ON YOUR NOTES AND THOUGHTS. REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THOSE NOTES WITHIN YOUR BOARD AS ANNOTATIONS (or simply, just stick them straight onto your board)

What would happen if you changed the colours or media you used?

Are there any other possible compositions that could be made?

Would it be better if you changed the size of one or more elements?

How would the mood of your chosen idea change if you used a different technique?

Why do you think using a certain technique or material would be better than others.?

How do you think one of your chosen artists would develop your theme?

What materials have you tested?

Are there pros and cons in using a certain technique? Are there other techniques you could combine to help solve any isuses?

Are the any ideas you would like to explore but it is not possible?

What if you used a completey different artists ideas combined with what you already have?

Is there a better material or technique you could use for a composition?

If you could change your ideas...
What would you do?

Can you create some alternative colour schemes for your chosen idea?

How does this change your outcome?