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VISUAL ARTS PRE-ENROLMENT RESOURCE PACK



Department of Visual Arts – Photography

Activity Pack for schools

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The Manchester College
Northenden Campus

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The tasks in this activity pack are designed to support your transition from school to college if you are planning on following a career within Photography. You should attempt to have a go at each of the activities in this pack, building a portfolio which demonstrates your skills and knowledge. You can bring this portfolio along with you during your first weeks here with us at The Manchester College.

If you have already applied to study Photography at The Manchester College, the Visual Arts department will be contacting you during the summer with more information about the course. In the meantime, this booklet should help you with the transition school and college.

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If you would like to have a go at any of the activities in this pack, it's a great opportunity to start building a portfolio which demonstrates your skills and knowledge for college. This would be useful for you to bring along with you to any of your interviews or applicant evenings next year.

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If you would like more information on Visual Arts courses or wish to make an application, please click the link <https://www.tmc.ac.uk/subject-areas/design-visual-arts>

Reading List

Photography: The Definitive Visual History - Tom Ang
Master of Photography – Reuel Golden
The Photographer’s Eye – Michael Freeman
The Photograph as a Contemporary Art – Charlotte Cotton
Fifty Paths to Creative Photography – Michael Freeman
This is Modern Art – Matthew Colling
Ways of Seeing – John Berger
Why It Does Not Have to Be in Focus – Jackie Higgins
What is a Photograph? – Carol Squires

Online Recourses

Magnum Photos – Documentary <https://www.magnumphotos.com/>
National Portrait Gallery – Portraiture <https://www.npg.org.uk/>
Lee Jeffries – Street photography <https://500px.com/leejeffries>
Famous fashion photographers <https://www.who.com.au/fashion-photography-15-most-famous-fashion-photographers>
Ansel Adams – Landscape <https://www.anseladams.com/>
Francesca Woodman – Conceptual <http://www.artnet.com/artists/francesca-woodman/>
Album art – Photoshop/montage <https://www.wired.com/2010/06/gallery-album-covers/>

Social Media



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@manchester.college.photography



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If you have applied and accepted your place, we look forward to helping you make the next year a rewarding and fulfilling experience. If you have any worries or unanswered questions, please do not hesitate to contact the TMC Photography Tutors:

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Gallery of Current Students' Work



Activity 1 - Galleries and Museums



Manchester is the cultural hub of the North of England. This means you have an amazing variety of world-class museums and galleries on your doorstep. What's more, they are free to get into! As future creatives, once galleries and museums can reopen, get into the habit of visiting them to find inspiration and to understand how your own work fits into the wider creative world. We have suggested some below.

Whitworth Art Gallery

The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester,
M15 6ER
www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/

Museum of Science and Industry

Liverpool Road, Manchester, M3 4FP
www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk

Imperial War Museum North

The Quays, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester, M17 1TZ
www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-north

Manchester Art Gallery

Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3JL
www.manchesterartgallery.org

The Lowry

Pier, 8 The Quays, Salford M50 3AZ
<https://thelowry.com/>

Craft Centre Manchester

17 Oak Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester, M4 5JD
www.craftanddesign.com

Peoples History Museum

Left Bank, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3ER
www.phm.org.uk

Home

2 Tony Wilson Pl, Manchester M15 4FN
<https://homemcr.org/>

Nexus Art Café

2 Dale St, Manchester M1 1JW
<http://www.nexusartcafe.com/>

Don't worry you can still visit some of Manchester finest museums and galleries virtually.
Follow the link to find out how

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/arts-culture-news/you-can-still-visit-manchesters-17966012>

For Activity 1 we want you to virtually explore museums and galleries across Manchester.

Activity 2 - Isolation



Over the coming months, turn your attention to your own surroundings and those people self-isolating alongside you during lockdown. These activities are to challenge you but also be fun tasks designed to explore your own creativity and help you feel positive about your own ability. You can use your phone camera or a DSLR (if you have access to one).

Remember... a photographer's most important tools are curiosity and imagination.

Part 1

Do some research into photographers who have created historic work around the idea of isolation and imagery produced during the current crisis. Create a mood board of inspirational images by pasting on to a word doc or perhaps create a Pinterest board.

Part 2

Create a series of **five** images that show life during lockdown. Make sure your five images include at least one portrait of someone in your home. Consider other visually interesting activities, these may include playing games, reading, younger children doing homework, clapping for carers. You could also think about photographing objects within your home that tell a lockdown story such as posters in windows, empty cupboards, games consoles, books, other objects. Your final five images when viewed together should tell your own personal isolation story.

Activity 3 - Natural World



Over the summer, while out for a walk or perhaps in your own garden, we would like you to take extra notice of the natural world all around you.

Part 1

Research nature photographers who have created visually exciting work. The natural world includes plants, flowers, trees, grasses, rocks, stones, natural animals, insects and fungi. Create a mood board of inspirational images by pasting on to a word doc or perhaps create a Pinterest board.

Part 2

We would like you to produce **five** final images that represent the natural world in your local area. When taking your photographs, pay particular attention to how the light falls on the subject, composition (how you position your subject in your viewfinder or on your screen). Look for interesting and exciting colour, shape and texture.

Finally! Upload your work

Put all your final images from Activities 2 and 3, mood boards/links to Pinterest boards, into a folder with your name on it and upload to the course google drive using the following link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eWZBjdQD4Zu4mCX2sULL7AxE_KNcIbYi?usp=sharing

There will be **prizes** given for the most exciting work uploaded by visual arts students.

Don't forget to post your pictures on social media with the hashtag #TMCPhotography so we can repost and share your work