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## **STRIVING FOR SUCCESS IN THE VISUAL ARTS ... Our Top Tips**

Consider the Learning Goal and Success Criteria throughout the project. Every assignment will have a range of possible solutions. Challenge yourself to be creative within the framework of the assignment..

Actively listen and read and review. Learning involves an exchange that focused attention enhances.

Fully engage in the creative process. Exploration, experiment, consultation, evaluation and refinement are part of the process of making art.

Practise your technique. Practice improves your skills. Great artists only become great through time spent fine honing art techniques. Anyone can become a great artist if there is a commitment to develop art skills through practice. Work in your sketchbook or planning book regularly to build rendering and design skills.

Look. Skills like drawing and composing photographs are as much about looking and comparing as they are about putting your pencil to paper or angling your camera accurately. We can develop our visual skills through careful visual examination of our world and constant exposure to great artworks. Be curious about the world. All artists are observers. Pay attention to the details..

Get organized. Having orderly notes and recorded dates reduces stress and builds life skills.

Complete all coursework. Maintain a consistent effort throughout the course

Use class time productively. Spending class time wisely will mean less homework and less stress as due dates approach and will help to build good habits for the world of work.

Count on yourself. You can meet the challenge when you engage in the steps. Challenge yourself to be an artist. Try and it begin to flow.

Start. When stuck, starting anywhere is a way to 'unstick' yourself. Asking helps, too.

Include Yourself. All our projects allow personal choice and are designed to encourage personal expression. Engage yourself and build personal interest and connections in your choices.

Be open. Even if we are already good artists, there is always more to learn and try. Avoid sticking to only the approach that has helped you to be successful in the past. Explore new techniques, materials, design methods and subject matter. Trying something new may mean that success will not be instant, but, in the end, it will enrich us.

Get inspired. Encounter art. Explore the world and your environments.

Prepare for admissions interviews in advance. Building a portfolio of work is an extended process. Arrange a consultation with your art teachers.

...create, build, grow, enjoy - that's what art is all about

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