

Art 1

Art is my way of escaping from the world, I'd be lost without it! I have always enjoyed making art and being creative, and have always had the choice, as there were a number of materials available to use in the house. I've decided to study an art foundation course as I am hoping to discover a new means of art that I enjoy, or just confirm my beliefs of what I enjoy already!

Being creative is my prime hobby. I am a member of the young curators project that takes place at my local art gallery, and have managed to create an exhibition, along with another 8 young curators, called 'me v u', on the theme of conflict, which was open to the public. By being a part of this project, not only have I had to work in a team, but also I have had to make decisions, write interpretations, work to deadlines and also work through the problems that had occurred along the way! This project has broadened my knowledge of how exhibitions work, and how much work has actually got to go into them, from choosing the theme, to where the barriers should go around an installation! I've been to an all day life drawing workshop where I learnt to be more open and free with my sketching, and not to worry as much about the picture being perfect and too detailed.

I am also a member of the North Powys Youth Orchestra, in which I lead the Violas. We meet every Friday evening and we are expected to be there for every rehearsal! In the orchestra I have learnt to work in a team of 45+, if we didn't work in a team the music would fall to pieces! I've also learnt to listen, and be patient whilst other sections are being instructed, sometimes I have the same problem that is trying to be solved. Also we have to listen to one another, this is so you don't overpower other, more important instruments/voices. E.g. Last year we did a concert in Powis Castle, and we played with the Fron Cysyllte Male Voice Choir. This was very challenging, as we had to make everything quieter when the choir came in so that they could be heard properly!

Recently I have done work experience at my local art gallery and also in a forge around half an hour away. In the art gallery I was asked to write letters to the artists of the last exhibition, and make them all a pack that consisted of the public's comments about the show, and also the press releases. I was also asked to write an evaluation questionnaire for the young curators project, and transcribe the interviews of some of the young curators from tape onto paper. During these 4 days I learnt whilst some days of life at the gallery weren't that fun, others were better. I used skills like translating, listening, and communicating, not only formally but also informally. The time I spent doing work experience in the forge was fantastic! I am hoping to go again soon so that I can learn a few more techniques with the metal and the tools, and also finish off what I didn't have time to do! In the mornings and after dinner I lit up the forge and chopped some wood for the next day. I made 3 different kinds of hooks, a poker, and I started making a spider! By making these I learnt how to make sharp and blunt spikes, how to twist the metal, and make bends in it!

Being one of the school prefect's means that I have to undergo duties. I decided to do 2 lessons of teacher support, and a session of paired reading per week. In my teacher support lessons I helped 2 year 7 classes which taught me that everyone has a different way of learning, and also that different people struggle with different things, whether it's self discipline, spelling, or the work itself, so therefore it also taught me to be patient and to communicate, as sometimes there would be more than one hand up in the class but I could only answer one at a time. Paired reading sessions were a new experience for me, and I learnt that you really had to concentrate, and make sure that you weren't being patronising or impatient, as the pupil wouldn't want to try then. It really made me realise that some people find it really difficult to just do the basics like reading and writing, and it has taught me to have a broader mind.

My Saturday nights are spent by going to work in a bistro as a waitress/dishwasher. Here I have to work in a team to get things out in time, and I also have to communicate with the customers to make sure that they are happy.

By studying art A-level I have confirmed my beliefs of my love of art. I dedicate a lot of my time for the subject, and would love to have the opportunity to be able to play around with new materials.