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GCE A Level Advanced Art and Design

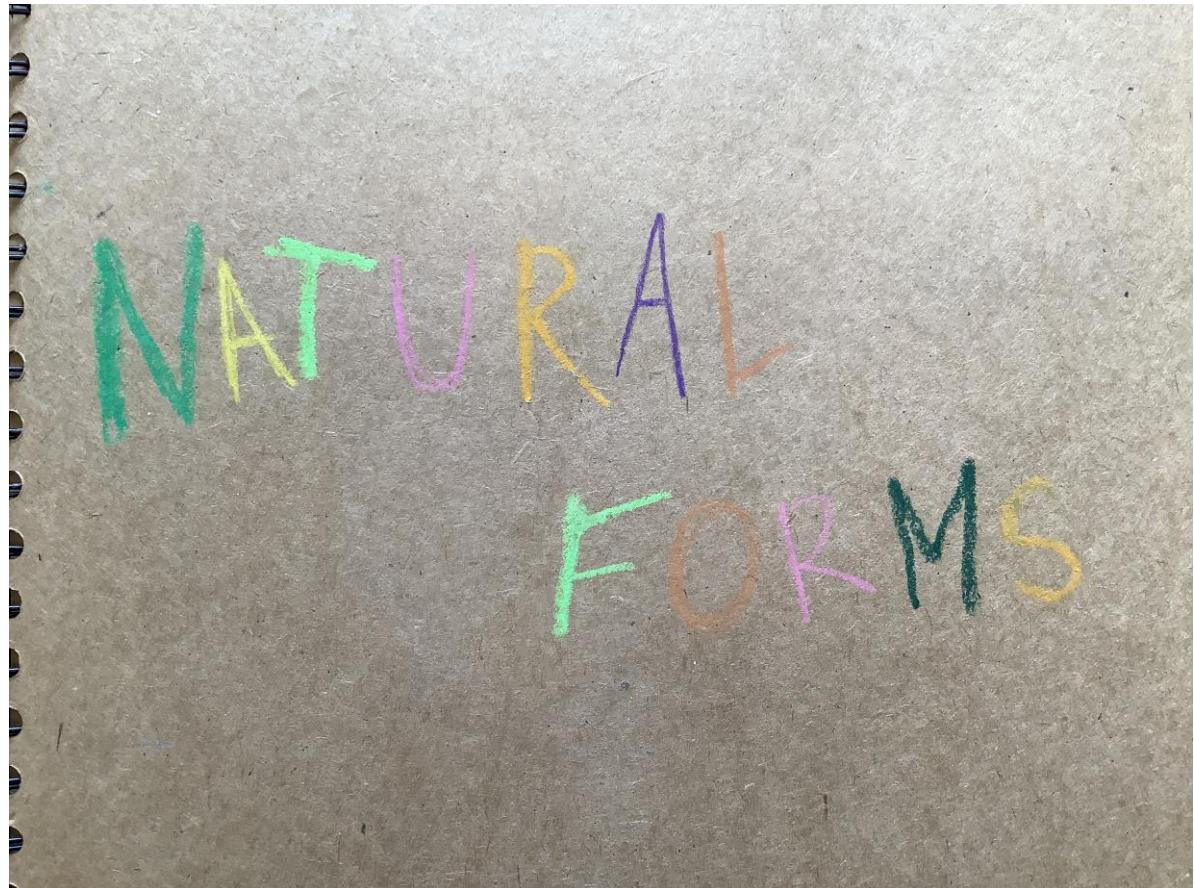
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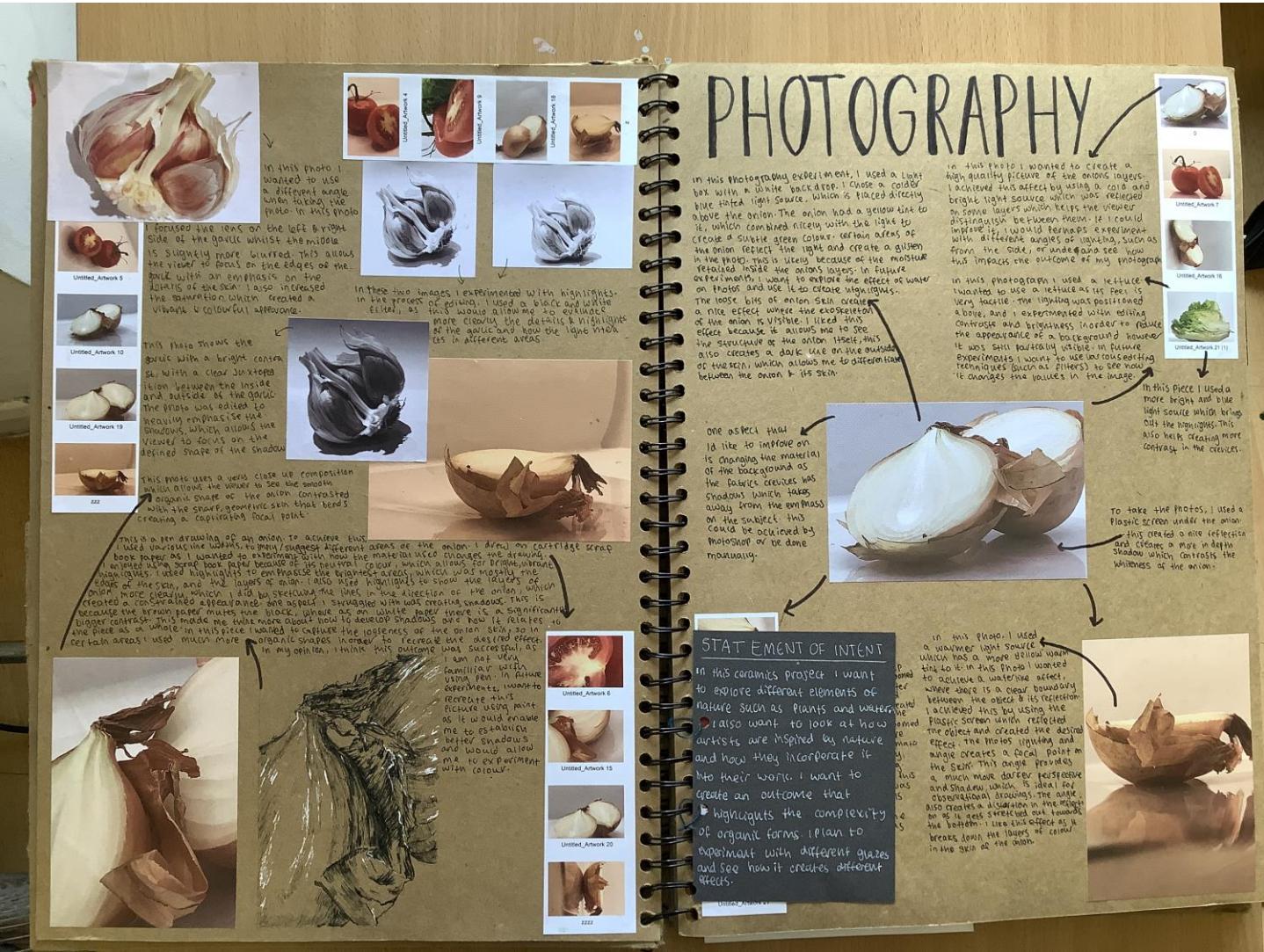
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	AO1 Develop	AO2 Explore and Select	AO3 Record	AO4 Realise	Personal Study
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			Total out of 90		65

Component 1

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EDWARD

Edward Weston is an American photographer (1886-1958) who was one of the most influential 20th century photographers. He was largely inspired by cubism, with his work frequently containing geometric compositions along with sharp contrasting angles and lighting. His primary aim was to capture "the very substance and quintessence of the thing itself, whether it be polished steel or rippling flesh".

Charles Wilson (bottom right)

Wilson was a frequent model for Edward Weston. He uses of the golden triangle composition, a composition popularised during the Renaissance era. The photograph's composition is compelling, as it places heavy emphasis on the face. The photograph simply and symmetrically creates a confident and powerful appeal. Many portraiture photographs at this time were structured and stiff, however, in this photograph, she is relaxed, with a organic and raw aura, which plays into his belief in capturing things in its real form.

Edward commonly uses dull, dark backgrounds, which allows the subject to stand out more. In this photo, no matter where you look, you always end up in her gaze. Edward shows a more vulnerable perspective in his work, when I see Charles Wilson, I feel like I am seeing a very unscripted and natural depth into what and how Edward perceives life forms. Edward lived in the West Coast for the majority of his life. He was captivated by California's wide open terrain, with one of his favorite and most photographed locations being 'Surf, China Cove, Point Lobos' shown above. This photo is complex, with the sea engulfing its angular rocks, alongside the farmer left side which shows the beach and mountains. Weston shows a process of how a wave moves, from a small gentle current to a rip tide and finally phasing out into the beach. More where it begins to recede back into the sea. These images present a presence which allows you to almost see the true exquisite sights of nature in an unmediated and loose form.



WESTON

This is one of Weston's close up photographs in which he photographs of cabbage over many years. The lighting appears to come from above, which creates a focal point at the top of the leaf. This is further emphasised by the golden triangle composition which creates an intimate and detailed image along with a bold shape. Weston's leaf shows a captivating angle as the sunlight hits the leaf to raised which allows the light to flow down the branches of the leaf and more effectively highlights the detailed textures. The raised side creates an impression of the leaf emerging from a dark and dull background, which allows the viewer to see what is considered a very mundane inanimate object in a new light. The lines are structured and organic, emphasised by the sharp contrast and clarity that Weston often creates in his photos, with each one branching out on top. Similar to the formation of a root. The lines have areas of restriction and refraction with the tight crevices distorting the branches in a smooth and naturalistic manner. Weston often personifies his subjects in his photography, often distorting them to imitate human-like movements or concepts. The organic shape of the branches reflect the body's organs, specifically the veins in the body, which diverge from the heart. Weston often explores the idea of the natural rhythm of nature, and evaluates the geometric connections between all life forms.

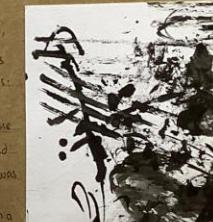
This image illustrates the idea of the contributing to the idea that nature is an members of one body and the source being the sever to life force. Weston uses the flea group which creates a powerful composition with a wide range of tonality, creating a more dramatic result. Weston believes that his subject's should be "uninterfered with" heavy emphasis on contrast allowing the viewer to see the true beauty of natural force.



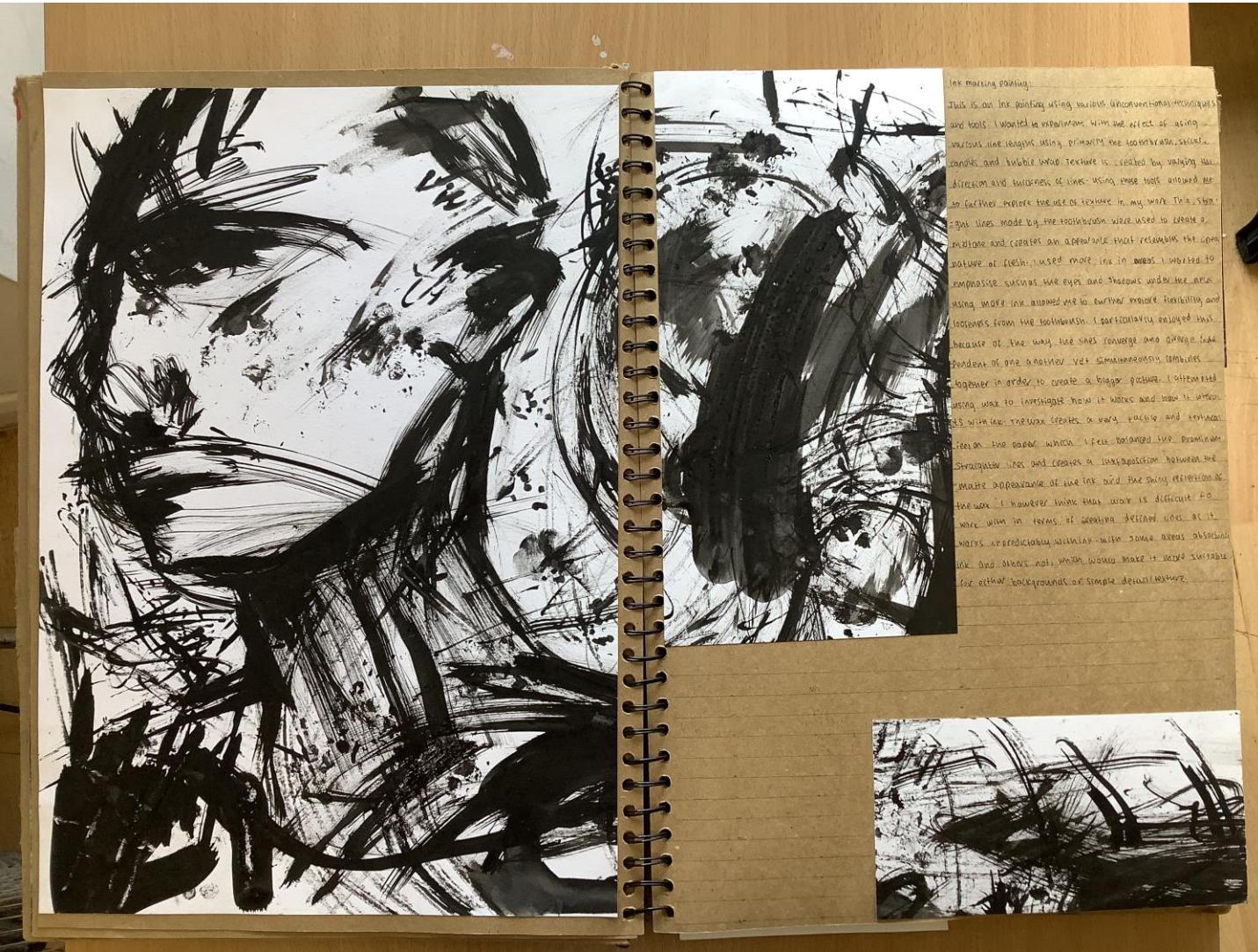
INK MARKING & EXPERIMENTS



This is a live observational study of poppy seeds. For this, I used various mechanisms that I experimented with in my mark making process such as toothpicks, toothbrushes, sticks along with cotton buds. I used more fine tools because the inability to get more precise details such as in the stem and foliage, voice any expressive effects. I used wet cotton bud and attempted various methods of ink bleeding. Drawing from life was very helpful as it helped me with better understanding, shape and form which are more difficult to mirror from when painted from a 2D image.



This experiment focuses on using less conventional mediums in order to achieve effects and marks in a looser and more expressive way. I used a toothbrush to make large confident strokes. I particularly enjoyed using the toothbrush as its marks allowed for ink to mimic the movement of my hand. By doing this, it was able to learn new techniques of ink marking that creates a bold and organic shape. I also used bubble wrap which made a graphic and stamp-like appearance. This was another one of my favorite experiments, as the texture of the material was printed on the page which creates a raw, distressed pattern which contrasts the smooth and clean lines of the toothbrush strokes. Another tool I used was various sticks. These were particularly useful for marking finer lines and details however, this is a little difficult to use as it could not hold much ink before drying out.



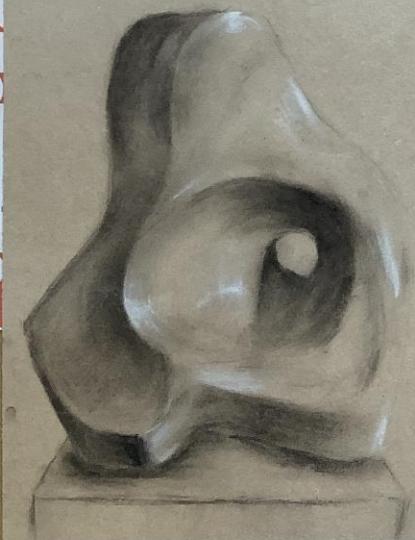
BARBRA HEPWORTH

Hepworth was a British sculptor (1903-1975) who studied at Leeds Art School and worked closely with Henry Moore.

Both famous pioneers in the avant-garde movement of the 20th century.



Hepworth moved to the countryside during the war in 1939, which allowed Hepworth to be immersed in nature, with the open air and space becoming a source of inspiration for her sculptures.



Barbara Hepworth used a less traditional method of sculpting as she would directly sculpt into the desired material instead of creating preparatory work that a craftsman would produce the final product of. Hepworth is often inspired by her surroundings and the forces and experiences of nature. Her work frequently contains abstract, loose shapes, which often contains concave or holes to form an elegant product. I enjoy how Hepworth's artwork is very aesthetically pleasing; her sense of form and texture is very organic and communicates in a very clear and sophisticated presentation that reflects shape, growth and structure. This represents Hepworth's belief that her artwork should create a connection between an individual, landscape, and colour.



This is an artist study of one of Hepworth's sculptures. To create this, I used charcoal and conte pencils. In this piece I tried to focus less on a structured & detailed product and instead tried to be more loose in my strokes. The darkness of the charcoal contradicts the interior which is a brighter shade. I enjoyed this artist study as it enabled me to begin experimenting with abstraction.

OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES

This is an acrylic painting of one of the garlic photos I took. For this piece, I took a much more impressionistic inspired route. I used opaque, light brush strokes to create a base painting and then, more translucent soft brushstrokes to make the skin come together. The variance in brush stroke and opacity resemble the layers of garlic itself with a pink interior flesh surrounded by its purple and very loose skin. The painting required a lot of control when making brush strokes in order to achieve this effect.



I was inspired by the way Barbara Hepworth integrates aspects of nature into her work often having a sense of balance which was something I wanted to incorporate. I like the way the bright saturated colours unify with the pale beige tones of the garlic. The brush strokes seeming blend in and out from the background.



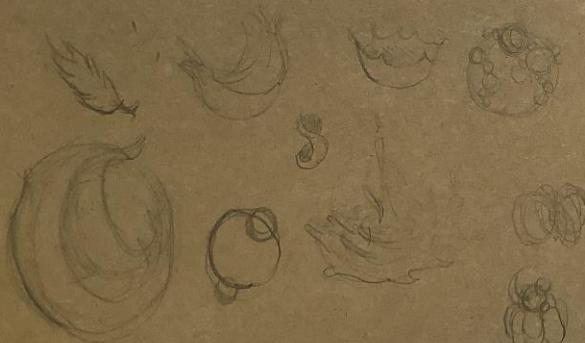
This garlic study was done using charcoal and conte pencil.



This is a pepper study inspired by Edward Weston's "Pepper no. 30". I chose charcoal and conte' pencil in order to replicate Weston's monochromatic photograph. Weston often incorporates contrast in order to show the beauty of nature in a different light, so I added very bright highlights where contrast the black paper and the coal which helps achieve the glowing light effect. If I could improve this, I would do it on a larger scale which would enable me to add more detail. In my piece I want to maybe explore the way light and contrast interact in 3D ceramics.

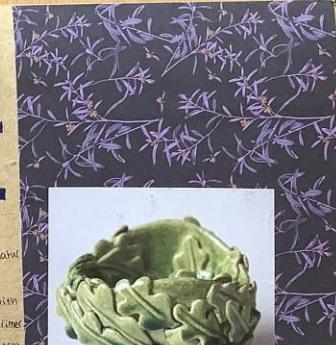
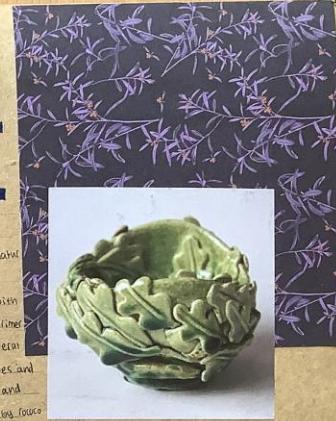


SKETCHING IDEAS



KATE MALONE

Kate Malone is a British sculptor & ceramic artist who primarily creates pieces inspired by the forces of nature. Malone often uses bright colours, which embody the joy and optimism of nature. She often experiments with pattern, shape and texture, with most of her work being either very smooth and symmetrical, but also occasionally incorporating geometric and angular edges. Malone's organic shapes and form reflects the almost child like euphoria that life and nature gives. In some of her work, Malone is inspired by colour with her work referencing the exaggerated and extravagant patterns and tessellations that seemingly integrate to create a sense of abundance and growth. I particularly like the vase known due to its very intricate components, especially the flowers due to their complexity and texture.



In my coloured pencil study, I had to carefully think about how to layer colour as Kate Malone makes glaze. I found it particularly challenging to recreate the effect to make a porcelain effect. I began by lightly applying highlights and darker areas and build it up using a mixture of colours. I enjoyed this study as it helped me rethink how colour is made but also helped develop my understanding of glazes and glaze. In my final piece, I would like to experiment with glazes and hopefully be able to incorporate gradients and tone.

INITIAL IDEAS

Seeing Edward Weston's photography of the California coast has largely informed my decision to focus on water. Water can be static, but also powerful in motion; calm but also violent, silent but also loud. In this project I aim to portray to the viewer the strength and power of water, showing its purity and essence which is something I haven't looked at in Weston's photography. I would also like to incorporate Barbara Hepworth's use of organic shapes, perhaps by including smooth edges and being able to incorporate abstraction into my ideas. I additionally want to have a glazed product, so I could use Kate Malone as a source of inspiration.

I began by finding some images that spark inspiration and are interesting to me. I then sketched out some brief ideas that I think about when I think of water. I find the way water moves is very intriguing, with a very symmetrical and geometric shape by nature. It can also move randomly like in a splash or a wave. I particularly liked looking at waves as it incorporated both angular and smooth surfaces.



In this oil pastel sketch, I experimented with abstraction. I enjoyed this as it helped me present and visualize the intricate complexity and form of water. Abstracting forms allows me to focus more on shape, value and space.

This is another oil pastel sketch. I attempted to create the impression of a water bubble splash in motion. I found this very hard to do so I might look at refining & abstracting this idea.

PHOTOGRAMS



A photograph it is a photographic image made without bottles to create it. A camera objects are placed directly onto a surface of light sensors and exposed to light in the darkroom. It is then placed in different ratios of chemicals and water in order to produce the final product. The shadows of stick figures are where the objects have prevented light from reaching the surface of the paper. Areas of the paper that receive no light appear white, while areas exposed through translucent or semi-transparent objects appearing grey. This technique allows for experimentation, such as hue objects used which reflect & make different shades or experimenting with the length of time an object is used for to create either more defined or less defined shapes.

In this photograph I used keys and glass. I liked how the keys were fully defined. In all areas, such as the left key as it creates variation in tone in the image. I really like using glass as its structure allows for an almost 'glow' effect. I want to further experiment with using photographs and possibly other types such as glass, wood, etc.



Cyanotype impression (1850)

The first phase of photograms were primarily used for scientific recording. In this photograph, the person is recording various species of plants in a cyanotype. A variation of lithography.

In this photograph I experimented further with transparency and opacity of objects. The keys are made from a dense, reflective material which gave a very defined shape. I used a glass jar with marbles as I was intrigued as to how it will appear, and it creates a very interesting contrast as it changes depending on areas with more grooves which become highlighted well. If I were to experiment further, I would want to try covering objects and experimenting with light exposure times to see how it changes shape & form.



The third phase of photograms is in contemporary art. Rauschenberg began using photograms as a more of an artistic medium rather than a recording device. I really like the way Ernest uses photograms to collage.



Milton Ernest "Robert" Rauschenberg (October 22–May 12, 1986) was an American painter & graphic artist whose early works anticipated the pop art movement. Rauschenberg is well known for his "combines"—a group of artworks which incorporated everyday objects and blurred the distinction between painting & sculpture. Rauschenberg was both a painter and a sculptor, but also worked with photography, printmaking and papermaking.

This is a cyanotype of some leaves.

In this photogram experiment I experimented with exposure and development. I began by placing objects down onto photogram paper and then exposed them to light for a very short time and then again overlaid the paper with a different set of objects (such as my hand). It made a very satisfying outcome as it shows the detailed structure of the leaf, but also simultaneously has a blurry effect. I achieved this by changing the development process of the chemicals. By decreasing the time in the chemicals it made the photogram much brighter. The intention of this photogram was to symbolise the connection between nature and mankind. The plants and leaves are simple, now you are able to still identify the type of plant from its classic, uniform shape. If I were to change or improve anything, I would add and overlay even more objects.



EXPERIMENTS

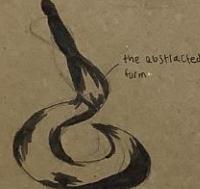
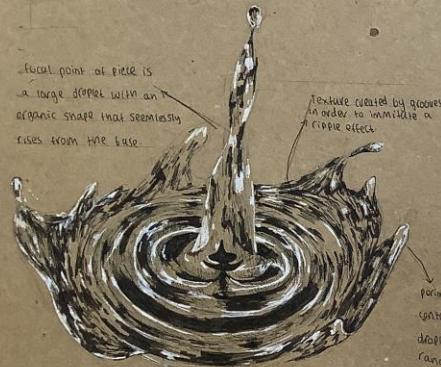
This A4 photogram is a further extension of my previous photograms. I wanted to experiment with different times the objects were exposed to and investigate overlaying my hand on it along with other various objects. This experiment came out a lot clearer than the previous photograms, with sharp bright accents from when the leafs overlapped.



My favourite aspect of this photogram is the defined shape of the plants. In this experiment I wanted to achieve a product that allows you to clearly identify the placed objects.

IDEA1

focal point of piece is
a large deposit with an
organic shape that seemingly
rises from the base.



In this experiment I began
modelling my idea in clay.
I created the shape by
creating a pinch pot, which
allowed me to experiment
with my abstracted ideas.
Using clay was slightly
difficult as I had to
apply my 2D drawings into
a 3D model.



When creating my first model, I struggled to get a desired
texture that imitates a wave. I began by laying small
rolled up balls of clay, however it did not create an organic
appearance. I instead then created the effect by slightly dampening
the clay and pulling it, which had a much more
organic appeal to it. From this experiment I learned how to imitate
water by abstracting the shape slightly as opposed to
creating individual textures.

IDEA2

This design is inspired by
a wave. It features
a smooth like exterior
that seamlessly becomes
a jagged and violent wave.
This design is inspired by
Barbie Hepworth and
features a hole which
both helps create true
wave impressions and
gives emphasis on the
crosses of the waves.



This design is much
more angular in
shape and is
inspired by the
mysterious and
spontaneous movement
of water.



IDEA3

DEVELOPMENT



✓ This idea explores the interesting of land & water.



In this idea I was inspired by ying yang. I thought about the idea of balance.

In this idea I thought about representing the circle of life and combining it with water.

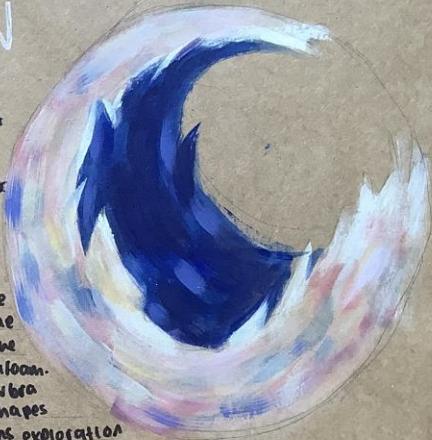


I like the outcome of my ramekin as it had a unique texture that reminded me of waves

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& PROCESS FINAL DESIGN



In my final plan I want to create a sculpture that explores the entropic nature of water after testing glazes and making a ramekin. I liked the idea of creating a circular wave where the inside represents the dark blue of the ocean and the off white as the seafoam. I was inspired by barbra hepworth's organic shapes and edward weston's exploration of water in his photography. To create my final piece I want to use paper clay as it is more light-weight as well as similar glazes used in my ramekin as I liked the outcome.



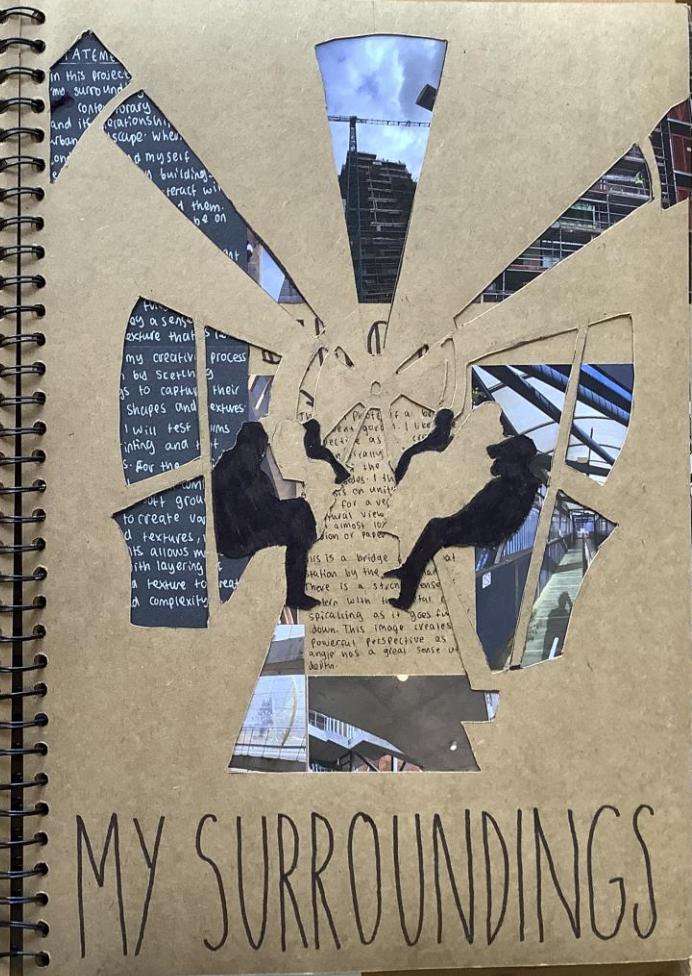
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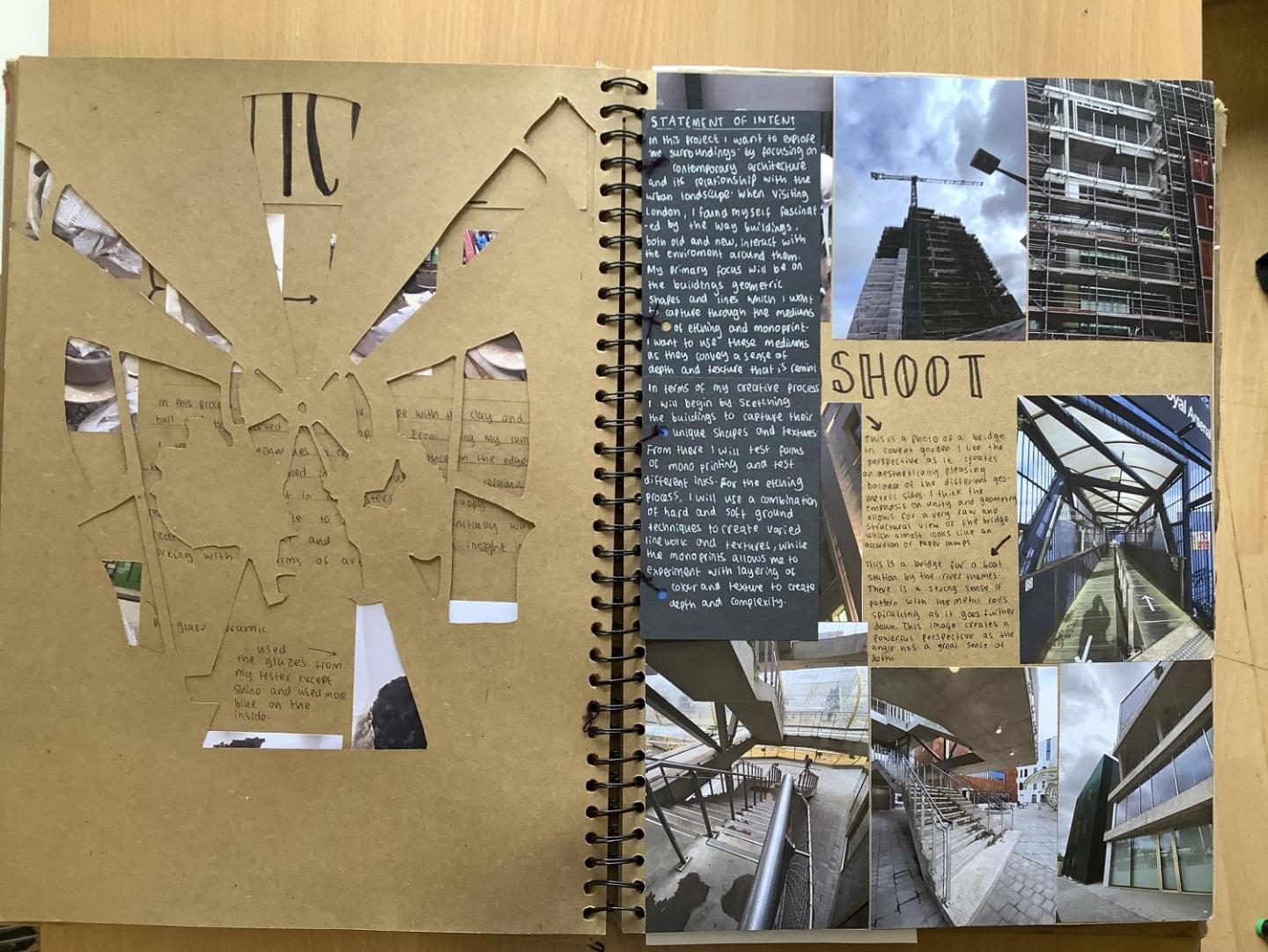
In this process, I created a circular shape with the clay and a newspaper ball and then carved out the top half from doing my ramekin. I used the techniques to create the texture on the edges of the ceramic. I then etched into the outside of the ramekin as I liked how it came out in my testes. I am happy with the result as I was able to achieve what I initially wanted to create in this project and I also got an insight into working with 3D forms of art.



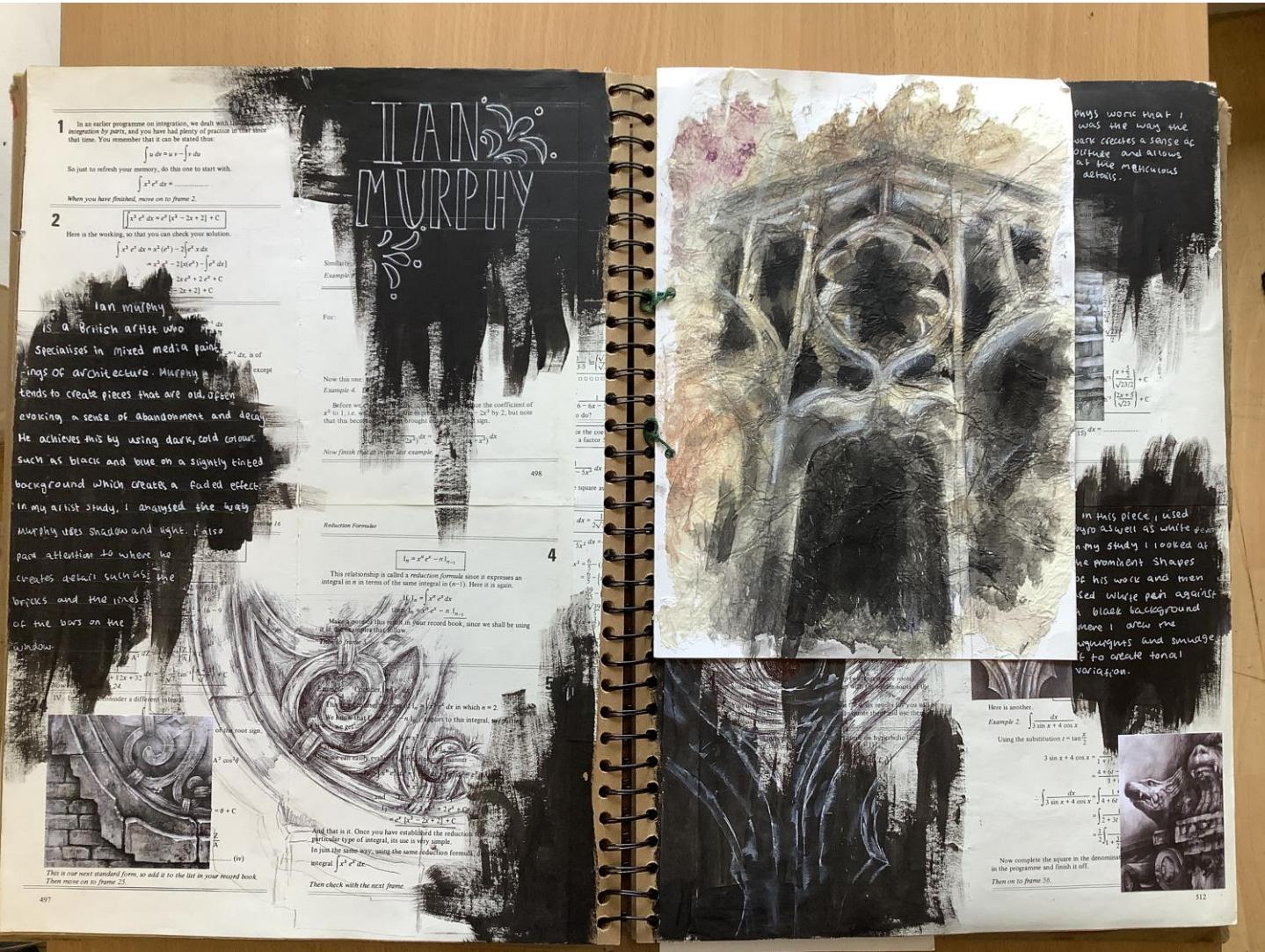
PF2 Glazed ceramic
I used the glazes from my tester except shiny and used more blue on the inside.











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$$\int x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$$

So just to refresh your memory, do you remember that it can be a bit of a challenge at times?

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = e^x x^2 - \int 2x e^x dx$$

When you have finished, move on to

2

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = e^x x^2 - \int 2x e^x dx$$

Here is the working, so that you can see how it's done:

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = e^x x^2 - \int 2x e^x dx$$

On the left, there is a sketch of Ian Murphy's artwork, which is a British artist who specializes in mixed media drawings of architecture. He tends to create pieces that evoke a sense of abundance. He achieves this by using colors such as black and blue on a background which creates depth. In my artist study, I analyzed Murphy's shadow and paid attention to where he creates detail such as the bricks and the lines of the doors on the window.

On the right, there is a series of mathematical integrals from 1 to 30, each with a corresponding image of a different architectural detail from Murphy's work. The integrals include various forms involving trigonometric functions and square roots.

An aspect of Murphy's work that I found interesting was the way the details in his work creates a sense of stillness and solitude and allows me to look at the meticulous architectural details.

In this piece, I used brown as well as white paint in my study. I looked at the prominent shapes of his work and then used white paint against a black background where I drew the highlights and smudge it to create tonal variation.

Here is another example:

Example 2: $\int 3 \sin x + 4 \cos x dx$

Using the substitution $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$

$$3 \sin x + 4 \cos x = \frac{3t}{1+t^2} + \frac{4}{1+t^2}$$

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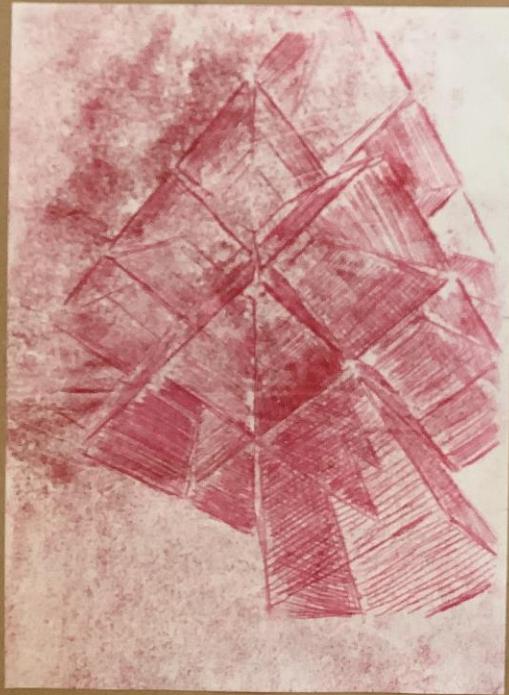
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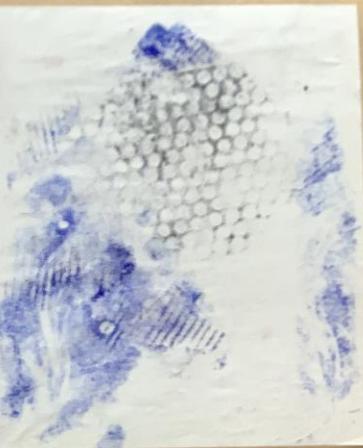
Then on to frame 30.

MONOPRINTS

I played some monoprints from my design. I began by applying liquid ink onto a piece of paper that surface was rough. I then took a roller to roll and spread the paint on the surface. I then applied newsprint to control the print's texture and angel interesting my design.

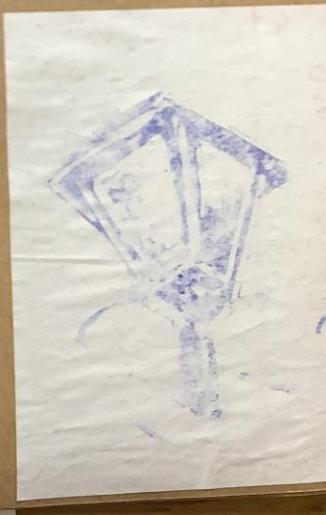


When transferring my photo I gently applied pressure to transfer the ink onto the paper. I began to calm the ink down and reduce the ink. In this monoprint, I struggled to create the effect of overlapping mesh prints. I presume this is because it is working in different directions and creates highlighting of the lines giving emphasis to the sawtooth edges. I found this monoprint useful to creating printing textures and controlling pressure.



In this print I removed the ink from the plate using a cloth which made the focus more on the negative space. This also allowed me to establish the composition and the focal point of the print once I created the shape. I placed a sheet of printmaking paper onto the inked plate and applied pressure. The contrast between the shape I wiped away and the surrounding inked area created an interesting visual effect. I additionally did a larger print so I could have more control over the ink wiped away and the definition in the print.

I tested overlapping different textures such as hatching, stipples and scribbles. I wanted to see how different effects of monoprinting creates texture. It can also affect the interestingness of repeating the variations of monoprinting.



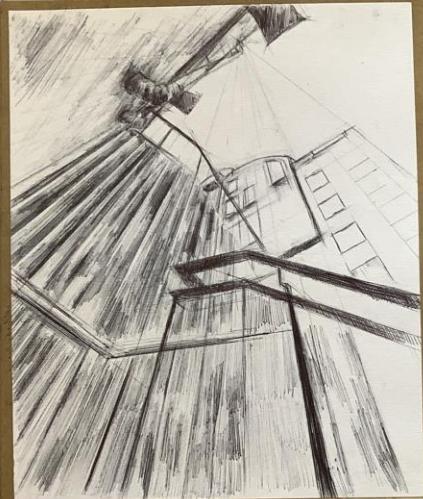
FURTHER PRINTS



ARTIST RESPONSE

I did a further charcoal drawing, inspired by Ivan Murphy's. Although the process of drawing on a textured background was unique, I found it difficult to build layers.



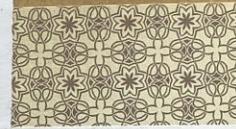


I did a pencil drawing of one of my photos. I was drawn to the perspective and composition in the image. I also did a mixed media one with pencil, pen and marker.



ETCHING TESTER

I tested etching different patterns into the etching plate and I also tested different depths that we created the more its engraved



DRYPOINT

To create this drypoint I etched over my image. My biggest challenge during this was understanding the attributes in the image and translating that into an engraving. After my first few prints did not turn out how I wanted, I traced deeper so more ink would be transferred.



This print used a green ink however, did not show up very clearly. I also did prints in purple and maroon.

My first print did not turn out quite as I would need as I did not engrave enough ink to create this. I applied ink to the plastic surface afterward and a cloth to wipe away the excessive leaving ink only in the incised lines. I then placed it on paper and ran it through a printing press.





On my second attempt with black ink, I made sure to scrape more ink into the grooves. I am happier with this result however it could use further etching.

After etching further, the contrast and shape of the building is much more prominent. I emphasised the shadows in the image such as the wooden frames and the railing.



FINAL DRYPOINT TESTER

In my final drypoint I want to do it against a toned background so I tested this. I really like this outcome as I see how the tone allows you to look at the etching lines in the image. Below creating my final outcome, I want to test different colours to reassess myself that I want to do this as my outcome.





In this print I combined two inks together. I really liked the gradation in this print. I think I liked the way the darker colours represent the lower elevations of the building while as the orange and yellow represent the higher ones. This outcome helped represent the various ways light and colour impact how the urban environment is represented.

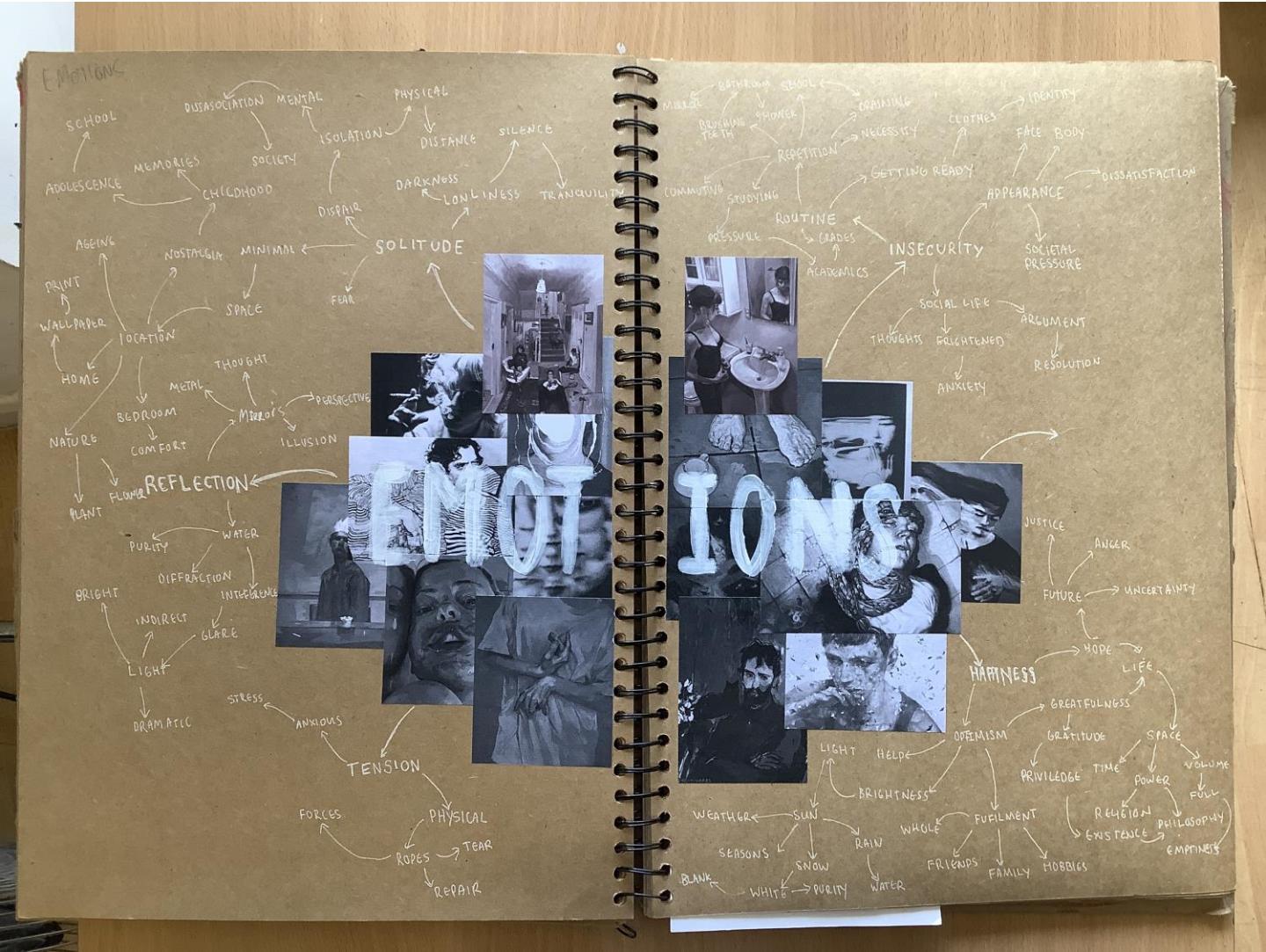
I tested using coloured inks on toned paper however I did not like the way it turned out as it appeared faded. As a result, for my outcome I will use black ink.



OUTCOME

From my screen print testers and seeing what was successful or not, my finished drypoint print was a black ink on toned paper print. In this project I wanted to explore the geometric shapes of the urban environment in a unique way. I am happy with my outcome as I had achieved what I wanted to create.





Caravaggio



CARAVAGGIO was a Baroque artist who primarily painted realistic portraits that often depicted religious scenes and events. In my study, I wanted to incorporate Caravaggio's dramatic lighting as it helps emphasize facial expression. I used a more traditional acrylic palette. I did this by blocking out the face into highlights and shadows. I then gradually built up bones and skin tone to create this painting. I used a corn palette which consists of yellow, red, white and black. However, I used brown instead. Using these colours and a small size palette made me apply my knowledge of colour theory and to be more analytical with subtle colour and contrast differences.

UNDERPAINTING

An aspect of classical art that I found interesting, was underpainting. To create an underpainting, I used bold energetic brushes to set the foundations of the image using burnt sienna. I also toned the image lightly. I then built up cooler colours to see how it impacts the emotion represented. I really liked underpainting and I want to explore using it further.

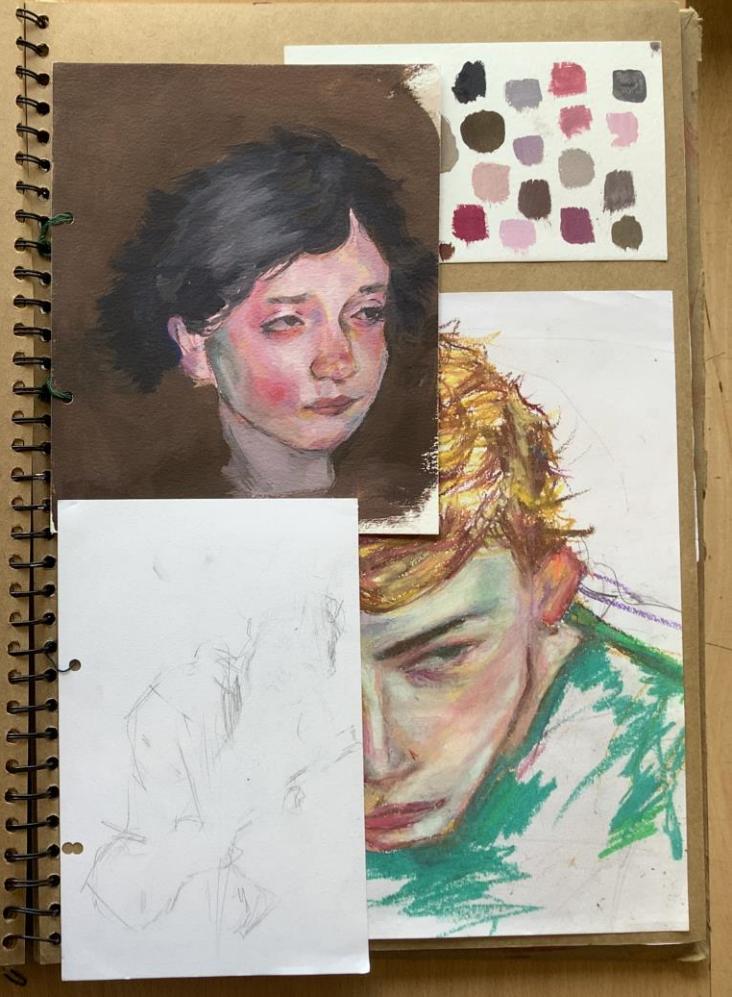


EXPLORING EMOTION

To investigate emotion further, I thought about different elements that can insinuate emotion. In art, I looked at colour, such as in my gouache and oil pastel studies where I exaggerated and tested different colours, vibrancies and saturation. I also looked at muting colour, which I did in oil colour, and contrasted it with glow. I found that these testers help evoke elements of luminescence, which is an emotion which I wanted to explore further.

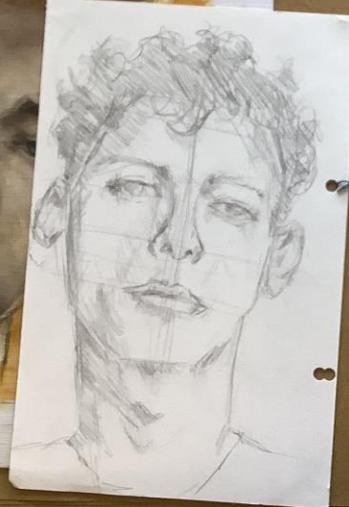


MARCO STONE
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EXPLORING EMOTION

To investigate emotion further I explored using different mediums. Paint can indicate emotion in art I looked at colour, size, size in my palette and the pastel shades were recognised and used. Different colours, emotions and sometimes I also looked at mixing colour, which is different colour and compared it with emotion. I found that some artists have more markings or brushstrokes, which is an emotion whereas I wanted to explore texture.



PHOTOSHOOT

In this photoshoot I wanted to explore the emotive or sombre in one shot. I explored lighting inspired by Caravaggio.

I learnt how lighting can change the narrative and emotion of a piece.

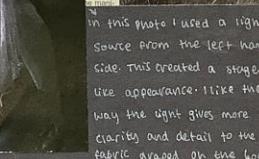


In my other photoshoot, I explored the concept of a person taking a call in a phone box. I liked this idea as it gives a sense of ambiguity. I liked the way a seemingly mundane location such as a neglected phone box can portray a story. I looked at how different perspectives and compositions can change the impression of a photo has. In this photo the composition is divided in half between the person and the phone box, with the bridge of connection between them being the phone itself. I like how this composition evokes a feeling of obscurity.



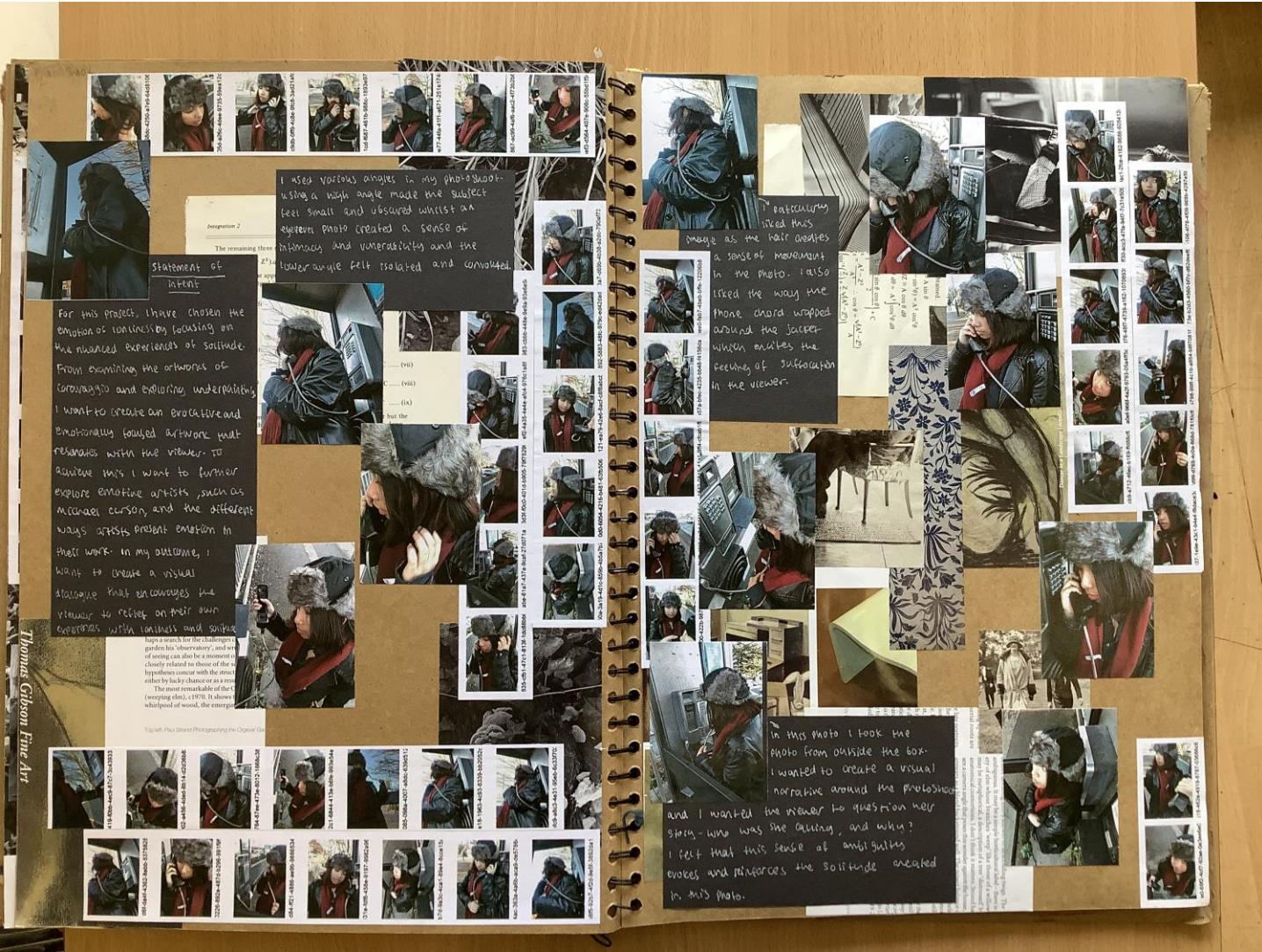
In this photo there is a focus on the subject. The perspective highlights the slanted stance which accentuates this sense of being demolished & overwhelmed.

BEST



I used photo editing in order to exaggerate the photo's strengths such as the contrast and brightness. The darkness in the image uses negative space which makes it appear like the subject is blending with all around them.





MICHAEL CARSON



Michael Carson is a contemporary painter from Phoenix, Arizona. Michael often uses techniques such as pattern printing which is often featured on the bodies of his subjects clothes. My initial thoughts on his work was the way he had worked out shadows and how this enhanced the shapes we see here are fading into the background.

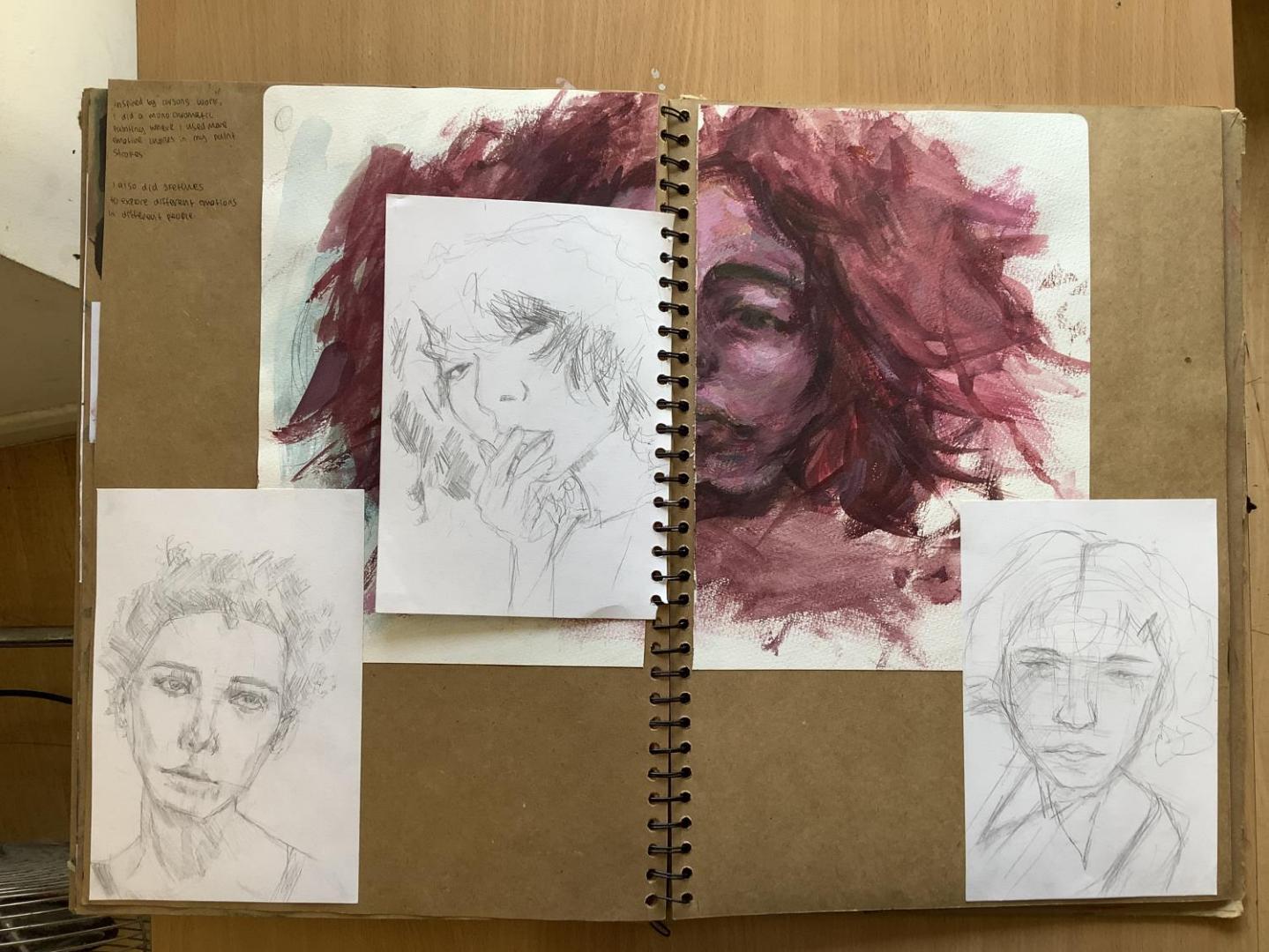
In my study of Michael Carson, I used an underpainting to establish the light and shadow in the face. I then built up the colours in the face. Looking at Carson's work has helped me learn how to create the impression and essence of something by using minimal detail and prominent brush strokes. In my final piece, I want to incorporate Carson's use of pattern and the spontaneous feel of his art.



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painting where I used more
vertical angles in my paint
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I also did strokes
to express different emotions
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ACRYLIC TRANSFER

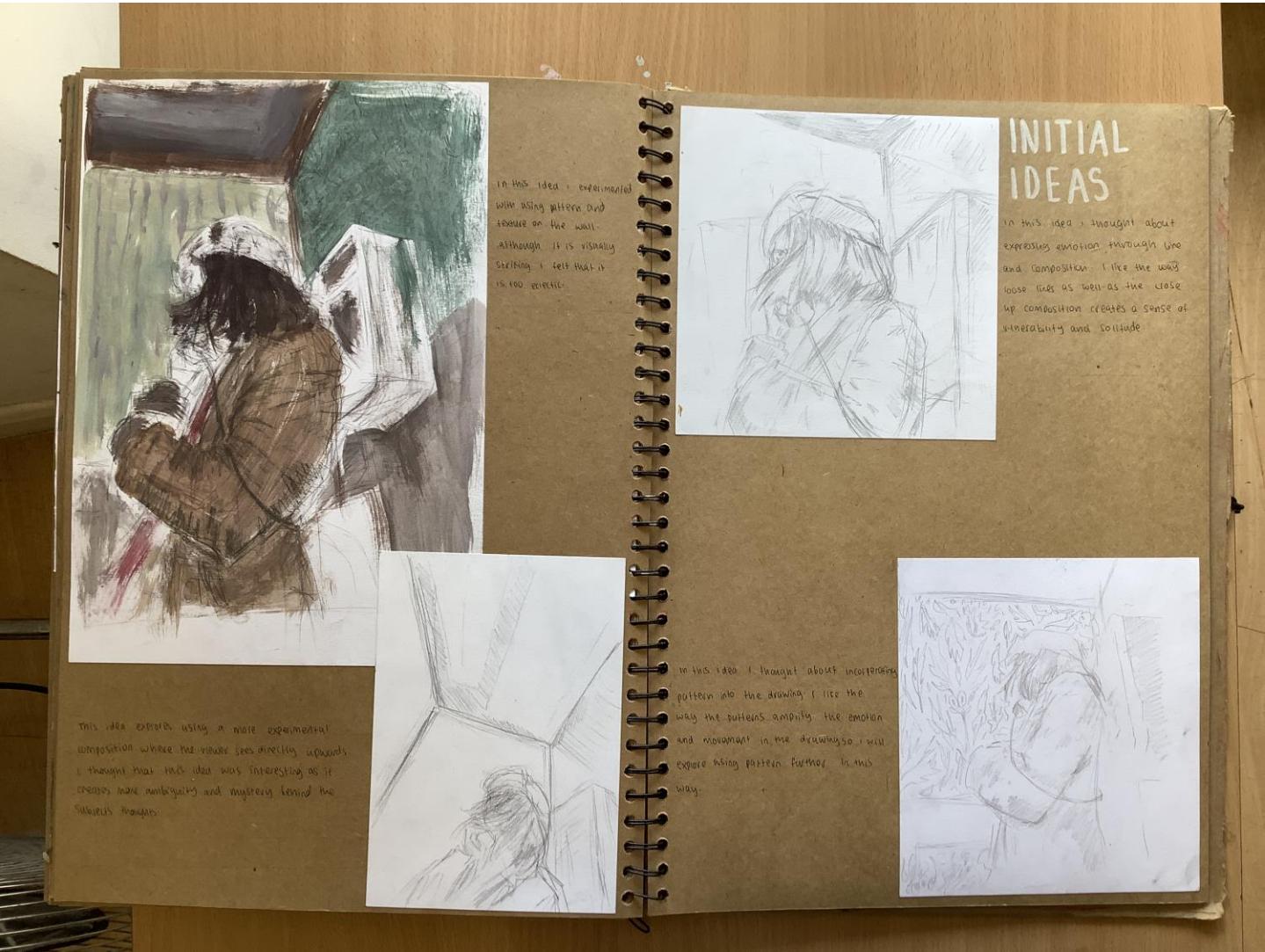
I experimented with acrylic transfer which I achieved by applying acrylic paint onto pictures and newspaper and then rubbing it to leave only the image after. I also used stencils inspired by Michael Caisson's backgrounds and patterns. I also used oil from tickets which I turned to create a 'decaying effect' and to create the idea of travel and distance. I liked the outcome of this experiment, particularly the patterns which I might explore further in my project.



EXPERIMENTING



Breaking the image down to black and white in two different areas that are emphasised and to think about the use of negative space.



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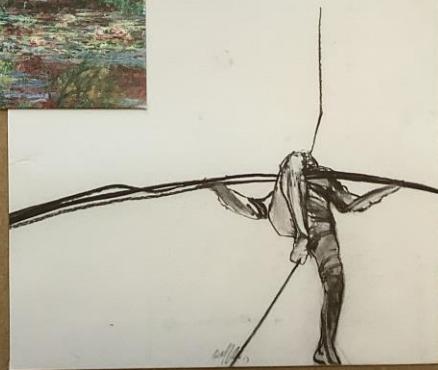
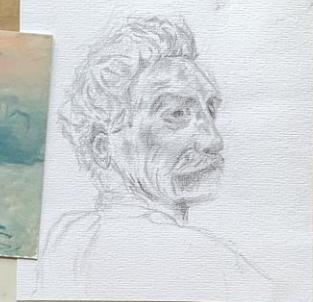
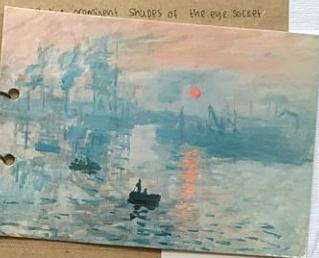
Plan Map



I did some drawings whilst visiting the museum. This drawing of Sean of art interested me due to the sculpture soft and confident appearance. I found it easy to draw smooth marble, difficult however drawing marble allowed me to analyse capture marble as it is monochromatic.

when visiting paris, I visited musée d'orsay & de l'orangerie. I was able to see the work of monet, sam szafraan and other impressionist & modern painters. During my visit I thought about how they captured emotion in their work through line, colour, shape & texture.

I was drawn to the sculpture 'les gladiateurs' prominent shapes of the eye socket





In this idea I used a more soft pencil to create a softer and emotive effect which is contrasted with the green pattern.



In this idea I thought about using more experimental colours to illustrate emotion. I used both warmer and cooler colours and strong vibrant lines to create drama as well as a more muted patterned background.

COMBINING & REARRANGING

In this mixed media work I combined the emotive elements from my previous work through watercolour as well as the floral patterns. I used green to match the red as complementary colours, inspired by Monet's work. I will refine this idea more in different mediums before deciding on my final outcome.



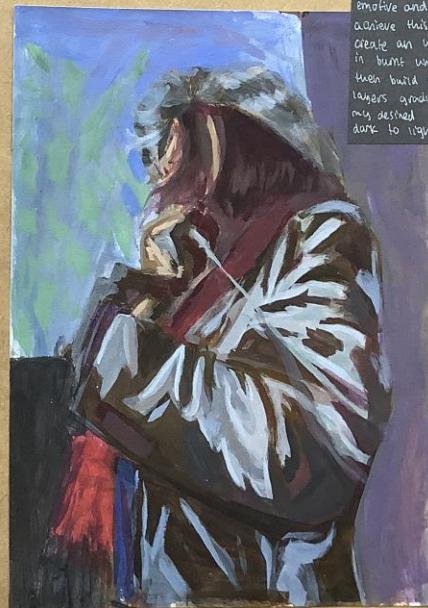
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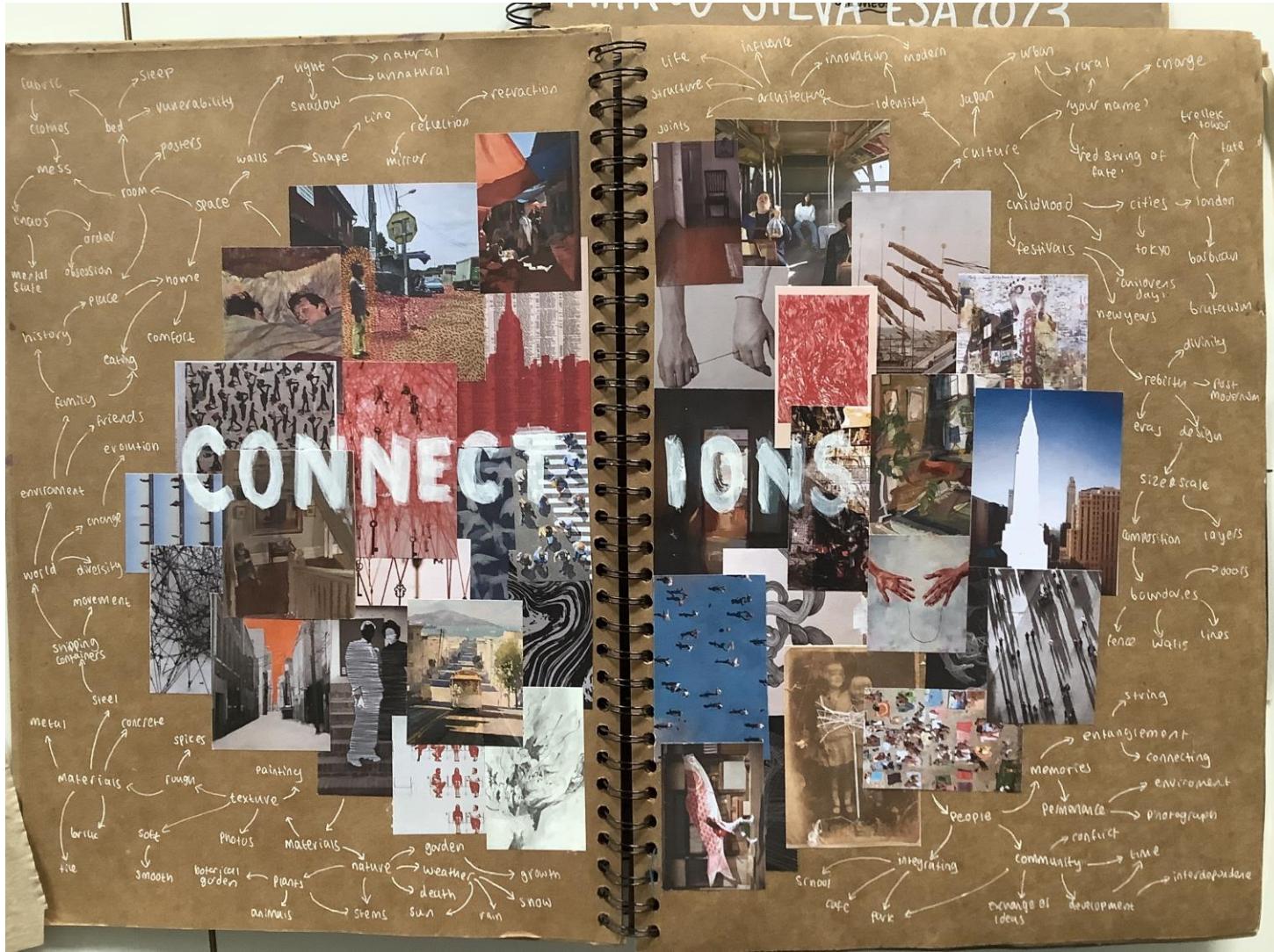
From my tests I experimented with ink and coloured pencil to get an idea of the proportions and the placement of the leaves.



FINAL PLAN

In my final plan I want to create an oil painting. After combining and testing ideas, I want my final plan to feel emotive and detailed. To achieve this I will create an underpainting in burnt umber and then build up the layers gradually to my desired effect from dark to light.



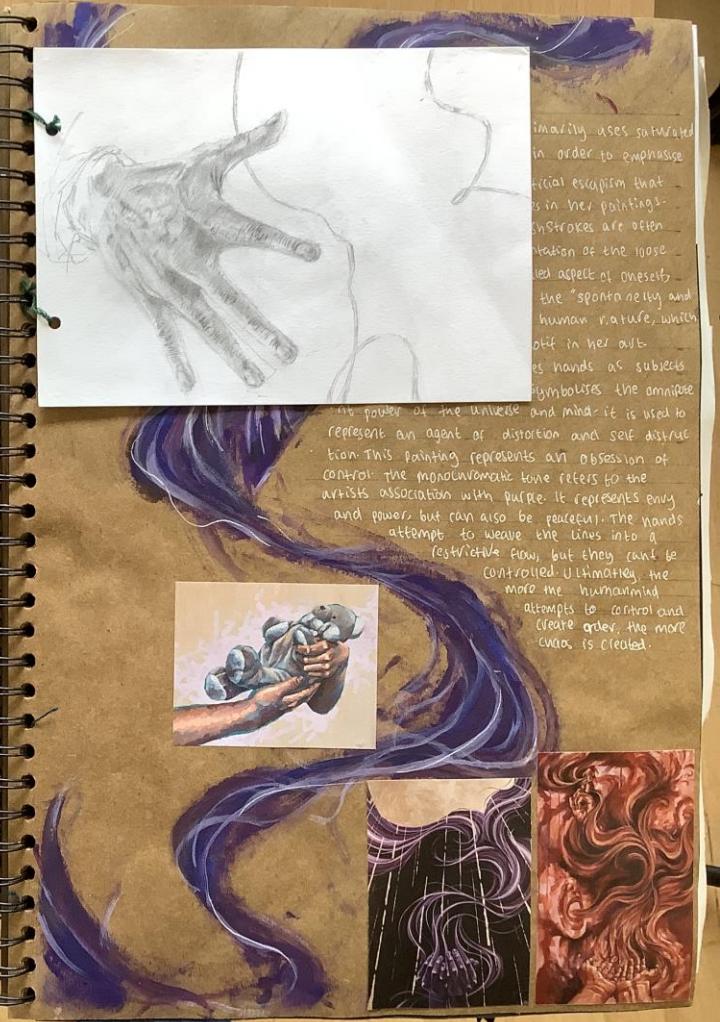
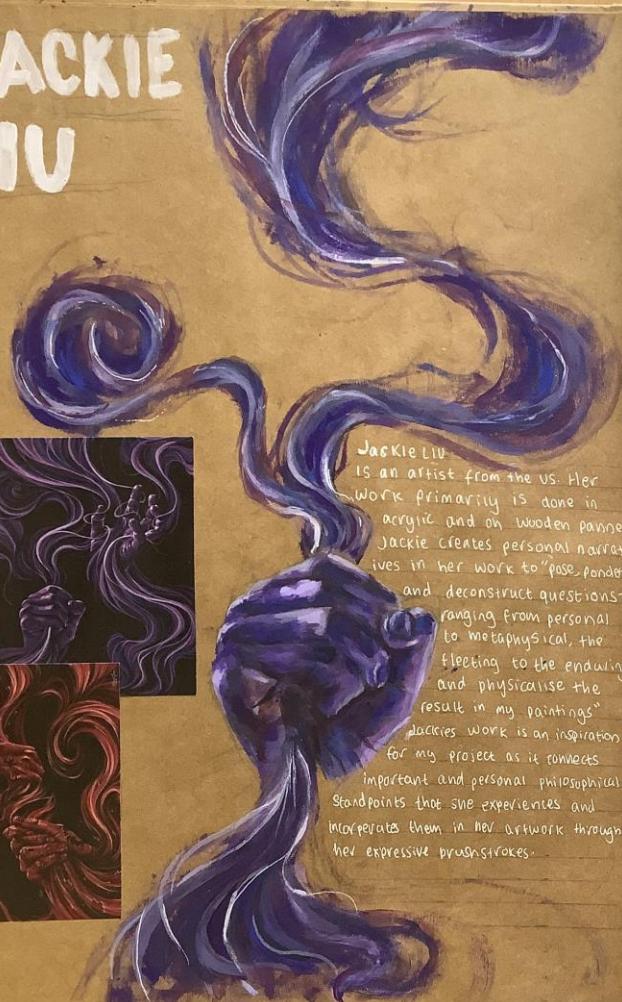




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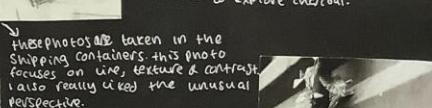
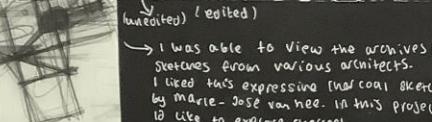
Jackie frequently uses hands as subjects in her paintings, which symbolises the omniscient power of the universe and mind if it is used to represent an agent of distortion and self destruction. This painting represents an obsession of control; the monochromatic tone refers to the artist's association with nature. It represents envy and power, but can also be peaceful. The hands attempt to weave the lines into a restrictive flow, but they can't be controlled. Ultimately, the more the human mind attempts to control and create order, the more chaos is created.



SHATWELL FARM (PHOTOSHOOT)

over the summer I was able to visit a small collection of architectural buildings on Shatwell farm. I used this opportunity to do a photoshoot. In this shoot I chose black and white so I could place more emphasis on ideas such as line, composition & perspective.

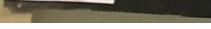
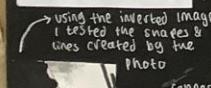
My first few photos focused on a crack in the ceiling. In the image I wanted to highlight the way the crack glimmers light onto the corrugated ceiling. I used a square composition and rule of thirds to construct it. I also edited the images' contrast, shadow and highlight to further emphasize the contrast between the formality, straight lines and the worn down, broken crack.

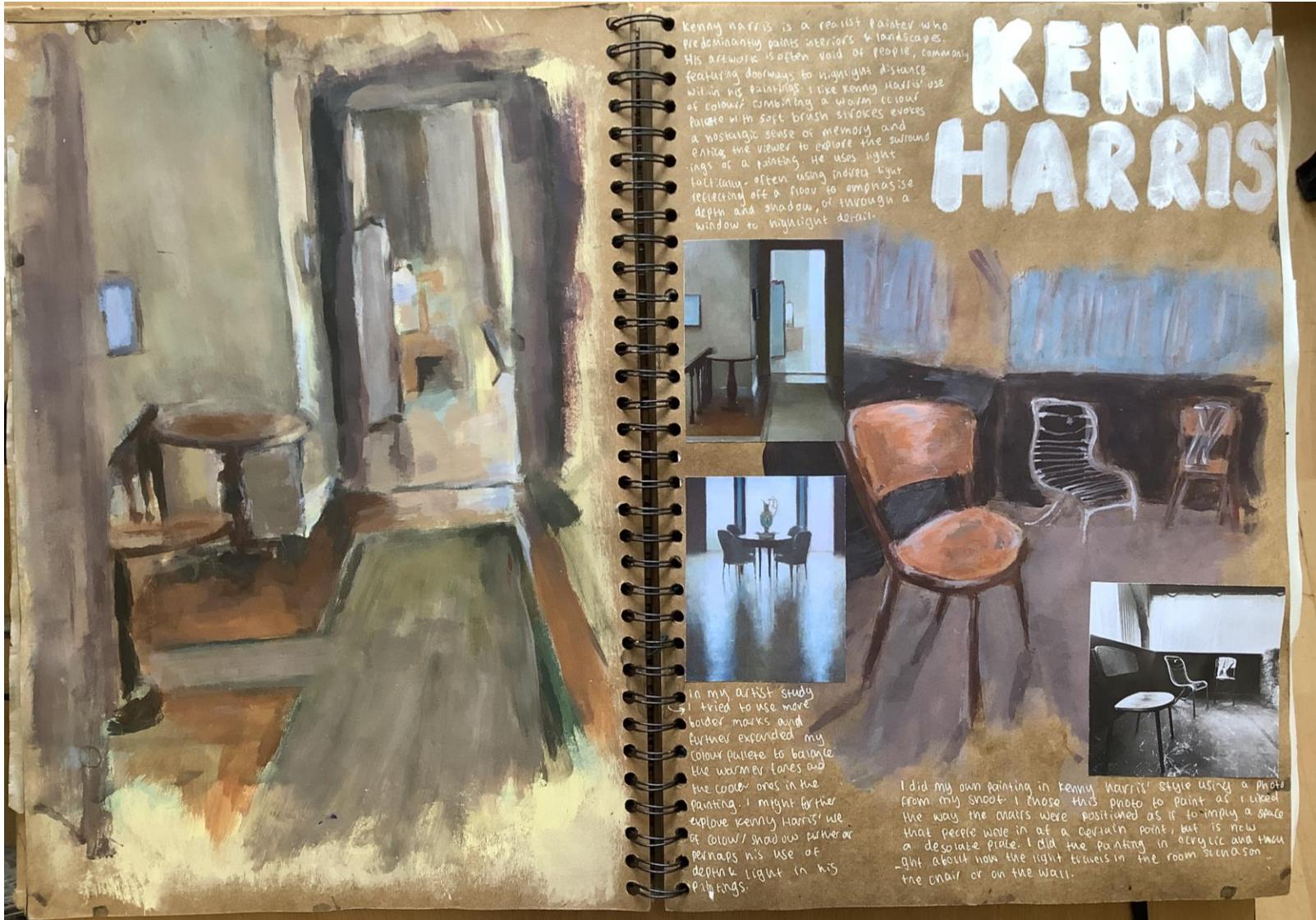


LIBRARY CONTAINERS

Cubic Price
2001

Two shipping containers that house the architectural library, in between which is an outdoor entrance designed by Adam Blaauw.





KENNY HARRIS is a realist painter who predominantly paints interiors & landscapes. His artwork is often void of people, commonly featuring doorways to highlight distance. Within his paintings I like Kenny Harris' use of colour; combining a warm colour palette with soft brush strokes evokes a nostalgic sense of memory and entices the viewer to explore the surroundings of a painting. He uses light and colour often using indirect light reflecting off a floor to emphasise depth and shadow, or through a window to highlight detail.

In my artist study I tried to use more bold marks and further extended my colour palette to balance the warmer tones and the cooler ones in the painting. I might further explore Kenny Harris' use of colour/shadow further or perhaps his use of depth & light in his paintings.

I did my own painting in Kenny Harris' style using a photo from my shoot. I chose this photo to paint as I liked the way the chairs were positioned as if to imply a space that people were in at a certain point, but is now a desolate place. I did the painting in acrylic and thought about how the light travels in the room such as on the chair or on the wall.

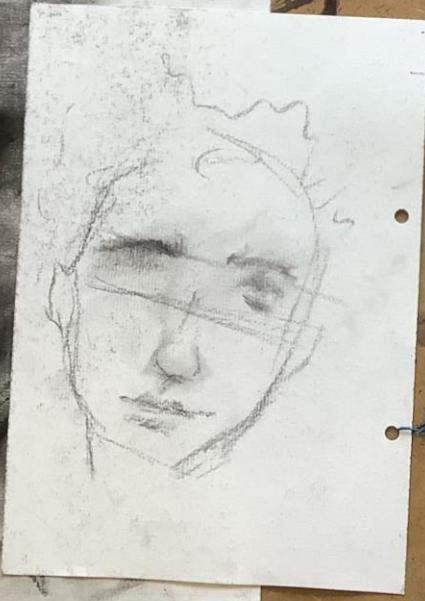


KWANGHO SHEEN

Kwangho Sheen does expressive charcoal drawings. His drawings convey ideas, atmosphere and moods. He demonstrated through his expressive marks in his artwork (sketches) an understanding on how to use absolute expressionism to convey an idea. In this process I learn to test with charcoal art, explore with abstracting my work.

KWANGHAI SHIAI

Knowing how skin does expressive charcoal drawings, his drawings convey chaos, turbulence and ambivalence, demonstrated through his expressive markings. In this artist study I developed our understanding on how to harness abstract expressionism to convey an idea. In this project I want to test with charcoal and explore with abstracting my work.



INKING



this painting was of some leaves. I tried to highlight the stems in the leaves to create this impression. Although it didn't turn out as I envisioned, I still like how it looks, as it reminds me of a dandelion.

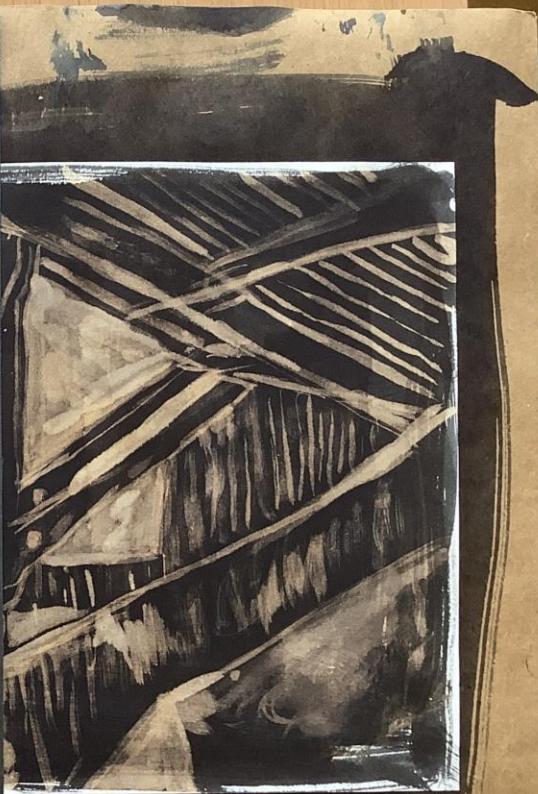
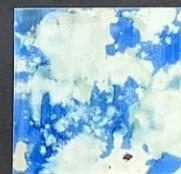
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I explored using ink and bleach. I tested different thicknesses, mediums and applications.

My first test was simply exploring how bleach interacts with a page of ink. I then began altering things such as watercoloring it down and applying more ink/bleach.

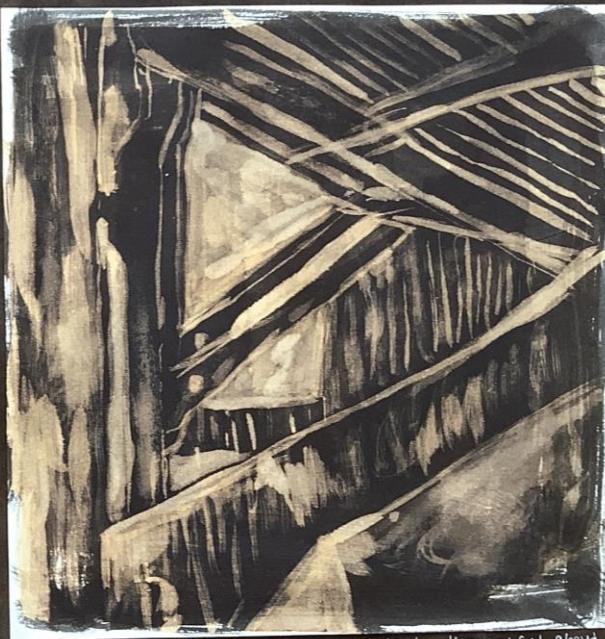
I also tried dipping bleach in a cylinder and creating patterns on the page.

Alongside this I also attempted using different coloured inks which had a more subdued effect.

Using a combination of wooden sticks and brushes I tried expressive, sharp markmaking which had more precise lines & bleed less.

My final experiments used bubble wrap. This one was particularly nice and pattern it created.

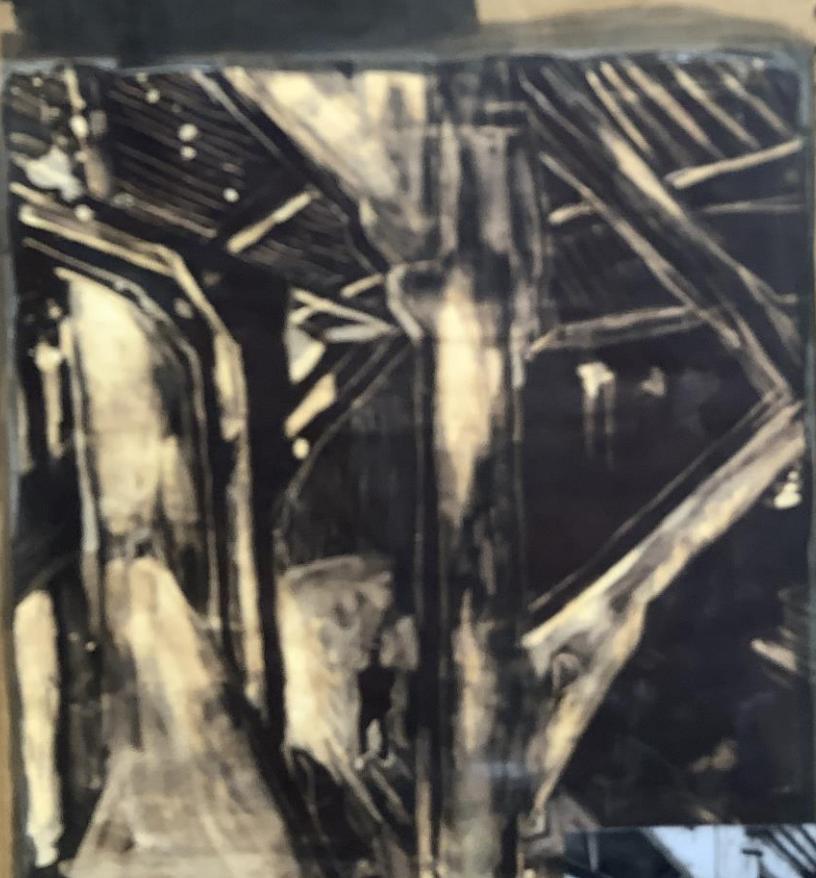
I enjoyed testing bleach as I had never attempted such an unpredictable medium. It also made me more cautious of the page as it can be reversed.



In this painting I used ink and bleach. I had to be thoughtful about the way I painted as the bleach tended to spread unpredictably. I also experimented with negative space by using the light from outside to reinforce the shape & context of the columns. To create depth I used varying intensities of bleach - strong & bright to represent bright light & more watered down bleach for midtones and less bright areas. I want to possibly further explore bleach, ink with other materials.



INK TEST OUTCOME



In this drawing, I chose two different structures that both one was easier and less violent to do a sketch to. In outcome and different design notes, I used my sketch process to show larger areas such as the sky from outside. I wanted explore negative space which I enjoyed. Larger sections can using paper thickness to place some weight and effect to certain areas like the trusses.

WHAT CONNECTS A PLACE?



A photograph of a good passage way through many uses of concrete. Below it there would be an elevated highway with concrete support walls.

A "Futura" elevation with concrete walls, concrete, brick, metal, windows, etc. It's a sketch - might be disconnected into a sketchbook.

TESTING

Testing piece fine using a fisheye lens.



I took some photos of road signs and tested painting acrylic on tape. I liked the way the tape withered when the acrylic was applied which created texture in the painting.

Photo of trellick tower



This image shows the tower from down below which evokes a more powerful impression.



I did a tester using cutouts & pastels with oil pastels. I did not really enjoy using them as it was difficult to layer however I might find other ways to use them such as for bold movie making.



I did a tester painting of a church that I saw. I like the slight distortion of the lenses. I attempted using a more monochromatic palette for this piece and tried to incorporate the background as it to look fragmented around the piece.







In this photograph I took of Trellick Tower. It was designed in the 70's and is an iconic Brutalist building with a prominent concrete facade. In this photo shot I wanted to visualize the stark, confronting nature of the tower which addresses the more traditional Edwardian architecture in working with Trellick Tower is often referred to as 'urban renewal' and 'ugly building' however I wanted to show its beauty and uniqueness amongst the surrounding buildings.



In this drawing of Trellick Tower I used a two point perspective. I found this study insightful in my understanding of drawing architecture.



Trellick Tower became a culturally diverse place when migrants from the Caribbean and West Indies moved to the area as well as London's growing multiculturalism in the late 20th century.



As well as living at Trellick Tower, I also visited other areas of London. I was interested in this street front on Eastcastle Street due to the unique character of certain buildings.



TRELLEK TOWER

DEVELOPMENT

To develop an outcome inspired by the artists I have looked at, I wanted to use Kenny Harris' soft painting style whilst having an element of Kwangho Shin's abstract movement in his charcoal.

For my outcome, I used a photo of a street during my London trip. I liked the image as it highlights the unique variations of London's architecture.



In my outcome I want to explore how each building evokes a unique characteristic and how streets and architecture connects us.

To do this I will incorporate a warmer and softer colour palette. To do this I will create a monochromatic underpainting and build up the colours. Additionally, to create spontaneity and experimentation I will use a more bolder painting style to contrast the softness of the colours through the use of bold lines.

OUTCOME

In my final outcome, I began by creating an underpainting. I then layered 3 plane tones over each building and then built up the



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After reflecting on my outcome, I want to refocus on the connection of people and place, so for my next section I want to look at the identity of architecture as well as what defines the way we are connected such as roads, nature, memories. I am satisfied with the outcome for this project.

KATE MILLER



Kate Miller's art uses screen printing, photography and layered sketches to produce her work. I like her expressive and gestural works. She uses depth and perspective to enhance the impression of the bold piece. SHE incorporates negative space - often considering the bold bright backgrounds. In my artist study, I used ink, pen and acrylic - testing how ink layers on different mediums. I want to incorporate kate miller's compositional elements and layering in my further development and further explore different mediums with her and possibly finding / containing more obscure methods of painting.

DAN PARRY JONES

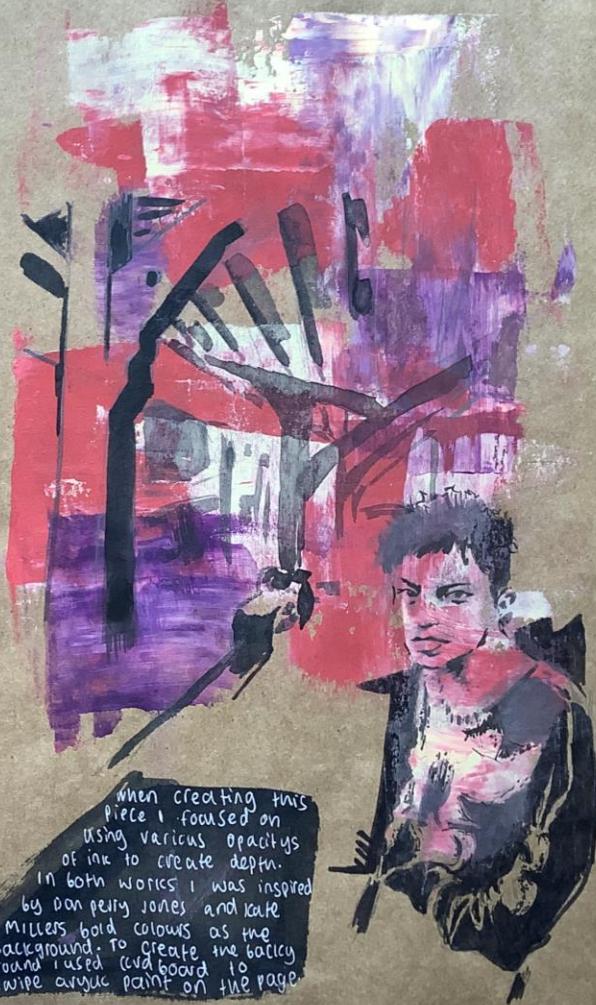


Dan Parry Jones incorporates screen printing and photography in his work. I particularly like the way he combines very rough coloured shapes combined with the detailed screen printing. He experiments with scale foreground using close up humans to convey a small intimate space or using small figures to evoke a feeling of a large building or place. In his more recent works he explores the relationship between man made and nature. In my artist study I tried to recreate his bold abstract shapes and juxtapose it with the detailed way.

ARTIST RESPONSE



In this artist response, I explored the way Kate Miller uses negative space and so I inverted the areas of light and dark which highlights the shape of the column. In this work, I wanted to communicate and explore how architecture uses function to facilitate connection. In this instance, I focused on the unique design of the columns. I liked how negative space can alter how we perceive a space and how it allows me to focus on shape & form.

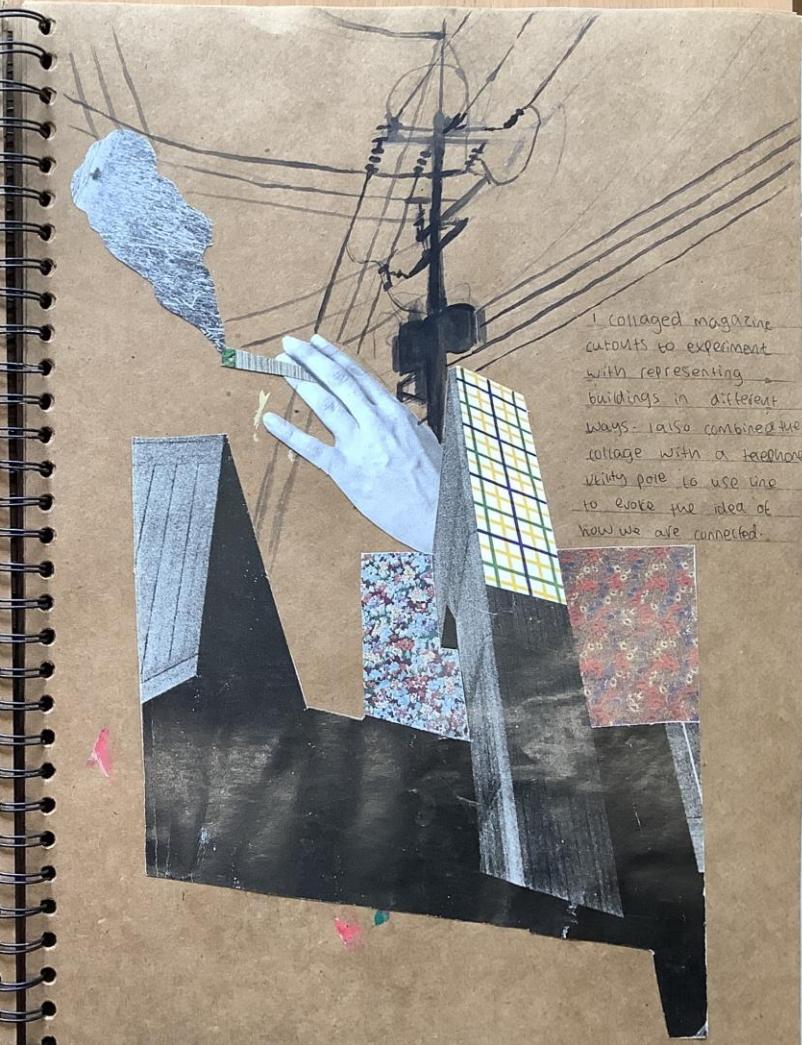


When creating this piece I focused on using various opacities of ink to create depth. In both works I was inspired by Dan Peary Jones and Kate Miller's bold colours as the background. To create the ballycay-round I used card board to swipe acrylic paint on the page.

DEVELOPING



In this piece, I explored the idea of how tower blocks connects communities. I wanted to show London's skate scene and I combined two separate photos together to "connect" them. I used bright vibrant colors that represent the countries that immigrated to London in the 20th century. I used the dynamic movement created in the photo to use contrast in the stark angles.



I collaged magazine cutouts to experiment with representing buildings in different ways. I also combined the collage with a telephone utility pole to use line to evoke the idea of how we are connected.

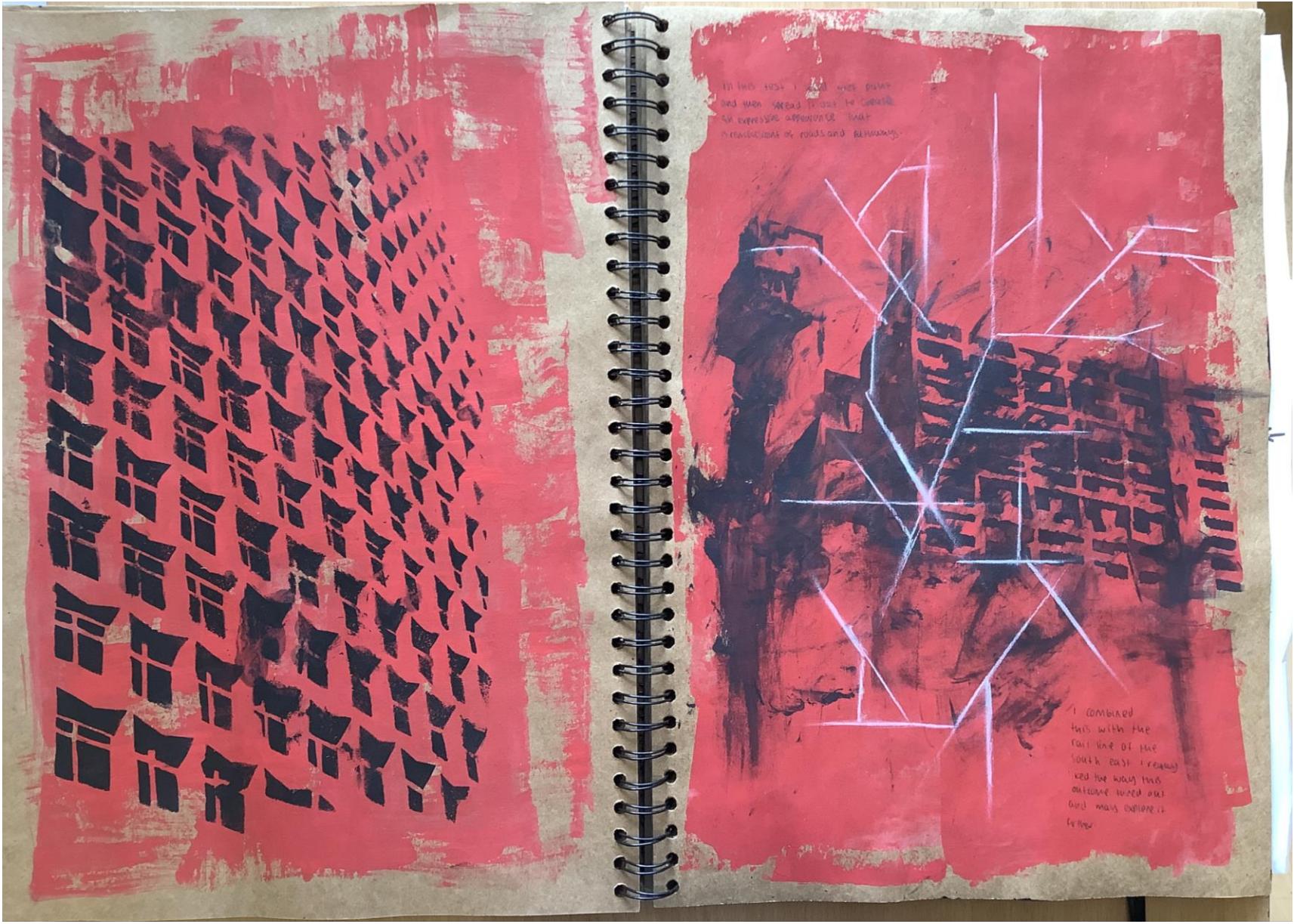
COLLAGING

STENCILING



I photocopied my image of the Eye tower and cut out a stencil in this piece. I used negative space to highlight the distinct characteristics of the building. I also experimented with other ideas of connections so I used the tube map as an element of the idea.

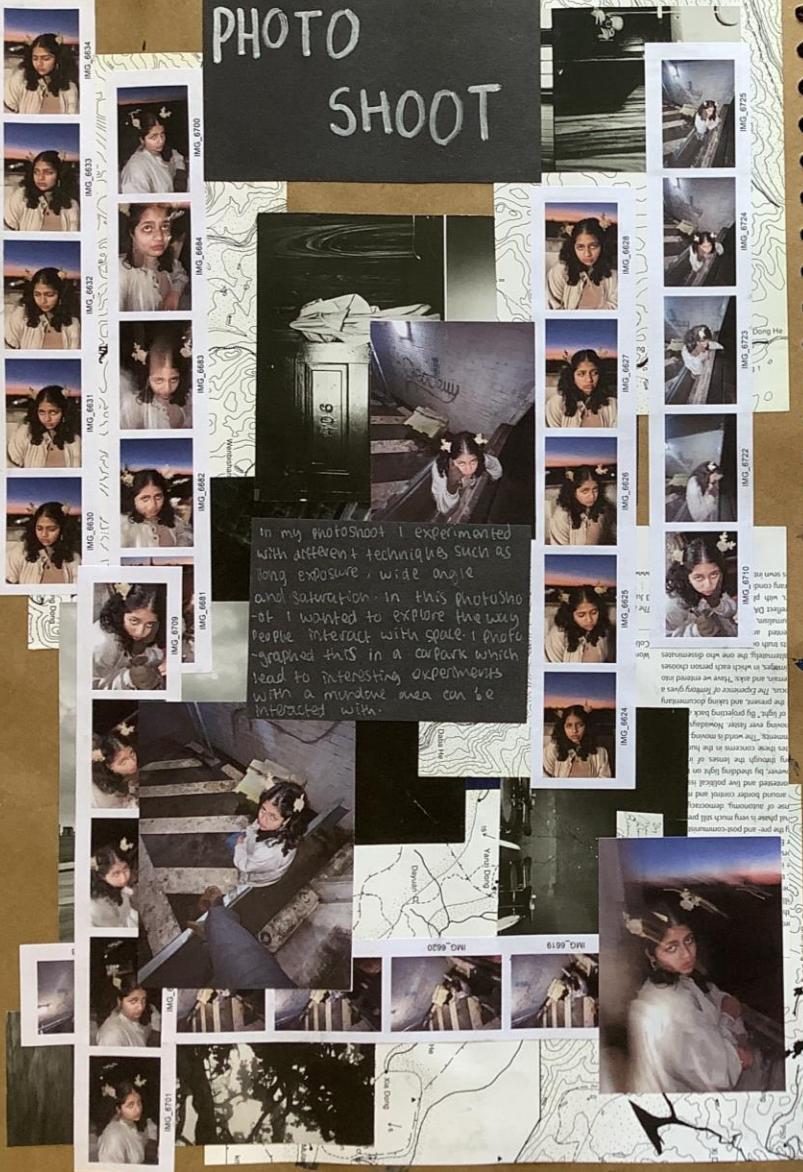




In this work I used red paint
and black spray to create
an expressive appearance. The
intersection of roads and railways

I combined
this with the
full line of the
South East. I really
liked how this
outcome turned out
and may explore it
further.

PHOTO SHOOT



On this photo I used the lighting from the lamp to create a warm contrast between both sides of the face. I particularly liked the way the light glistens on the hair which creates an ethereal effect. I also liked the direct gaze which brings attention to the eyes. In my planning I want to test using this image due to its rich colours.



I did some quick ink drawings from my photoshoot and overlayed it over a real life.



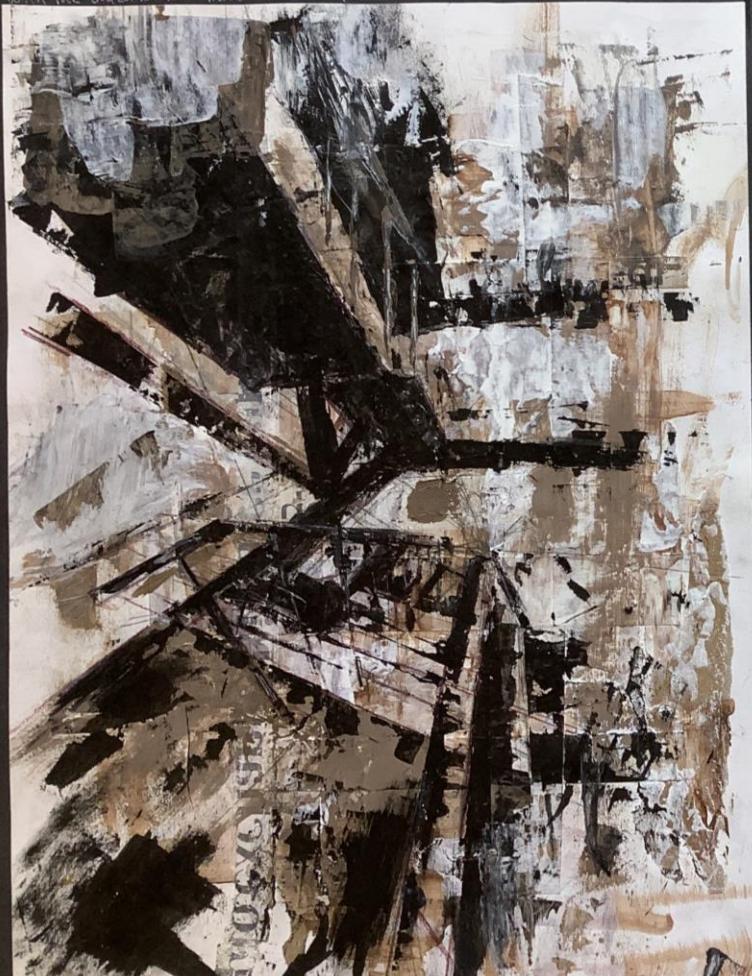
With memories.
I found that the most successful aspect of my photoshoot was lighting and capturing unique angles. In this project I want to explore the less architectural aspects of connection.





TESTING MEDIA

- in this piece I tested using the expressive techniques inspired by dan parry jones.
I began by transferring news paper through acrylic transfers and then scraping acrylic
paint to the paper to create the effect. In this piece I wanted to explore how architecture
connects us through methods such as stairs and pathways. I am overall quite satisfied
with the outcome and I may explore it further.



SCREEN PRINTS

- After looking at kate miller and dan parry jones, I decided to test using screenprints

- To create the screen prints I cut a stencil out of acetate and then applying ink to the top of the screen and using a squeegee to pull the ink across the screen with pressure which forces the ink through the surface and the stencil to the paper below

- I tested screen printing on different textures, backgrounds and with different colours. Through this experiment, I explored using printing as a method to represent architecture in a unique way.

- I found screen printing insightful however I found controlling the ink flow difficult.

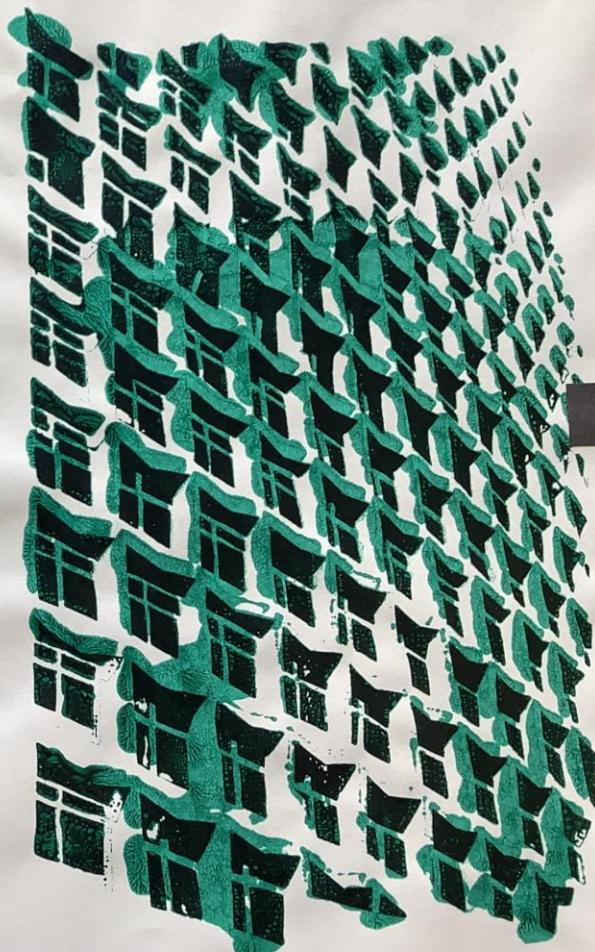


I explored using vibrant colours to create energy and emphasise the negative space of the windows.





COMBINING STENCILS



REFLECTION

- after testing stenciling and screen printing, I decided to not pursue it for my final outcome. instead, I want to focus more on connection through maps, roads and lines rather than the physical connection of buildings. Although I won't pursue printing, testing stencils and experimenting helped me with thinking of ideas for my outcome.

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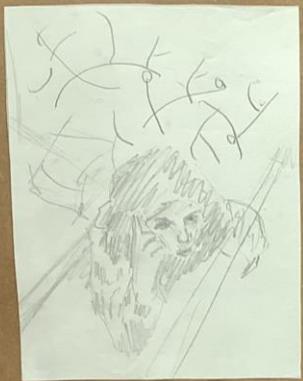
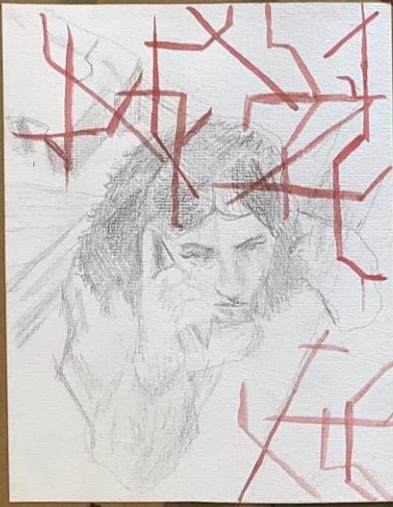
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Features & Arts



INITIAL IDEAS



In my initial ideas I explored how lines within maps and train lines help develop a better understanding of the connections within different regions and locations.



In this idea I used complementary colours to experiment with how colour can help signify the tangible connections of places. I overlaided the map of the area the photo was taken in to create a close up view of a space and the wider area.



DEVELOPMENT



By testing different backgrounds I decided on the colour I used a train map to convey the idea of how we are connected. In my final plan I chose to use the specific reference image due to the strong compositional lines and the phone reinforcing the idea of connection. I used red as the colour of the lines as a reference to the red string of fate. I want to show the intrinsic connection of community and how public transport facilitates it.

Throughout my project I was inspired by the use of line in Jackson's work as well as Morris' use of colour and Dan Parry Jones' bold backgrounds in my final outcome. I want to combine what I learnt from my artist studies and my own personal studies to create an outcome that reflects on the way that we are connected.



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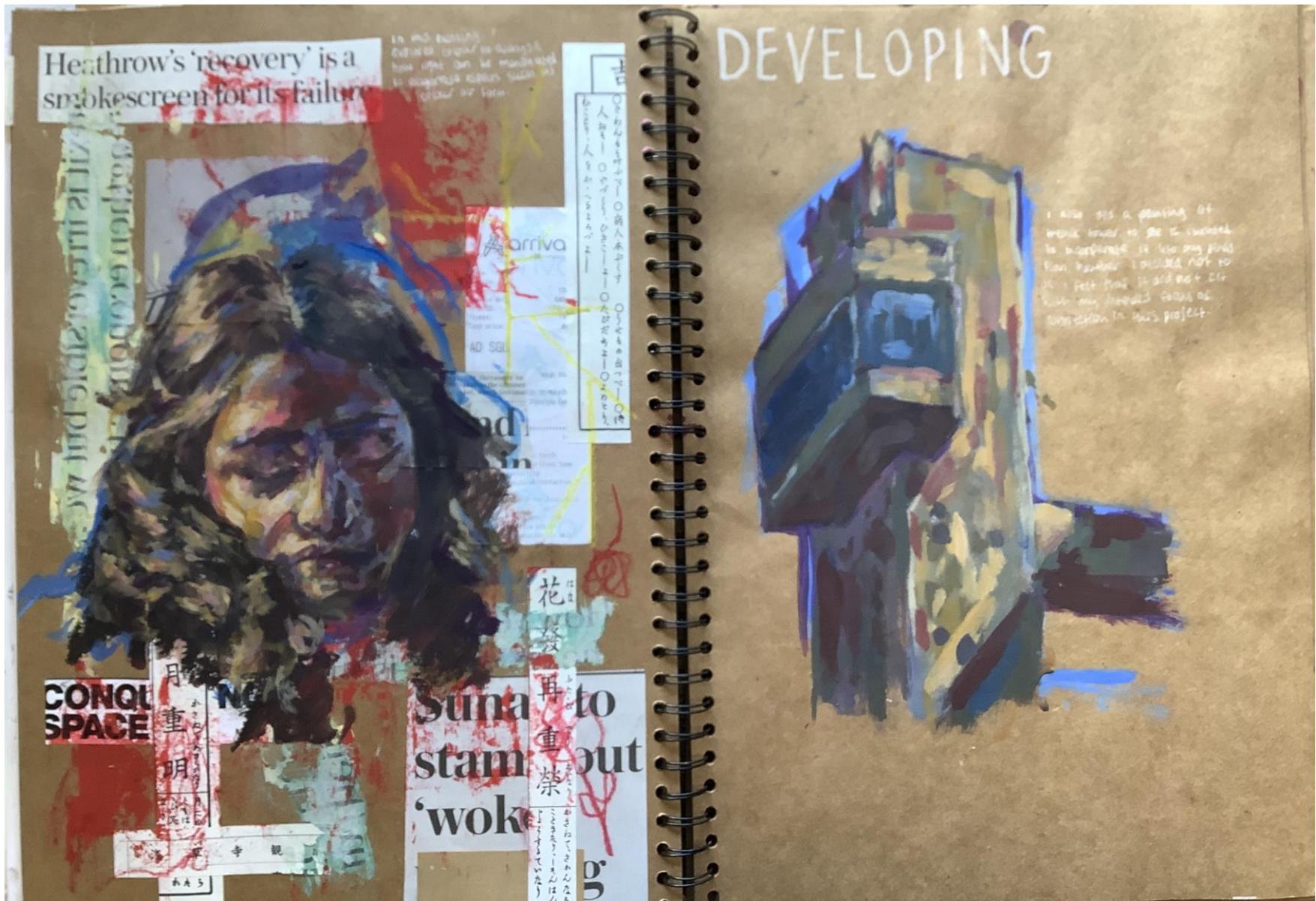
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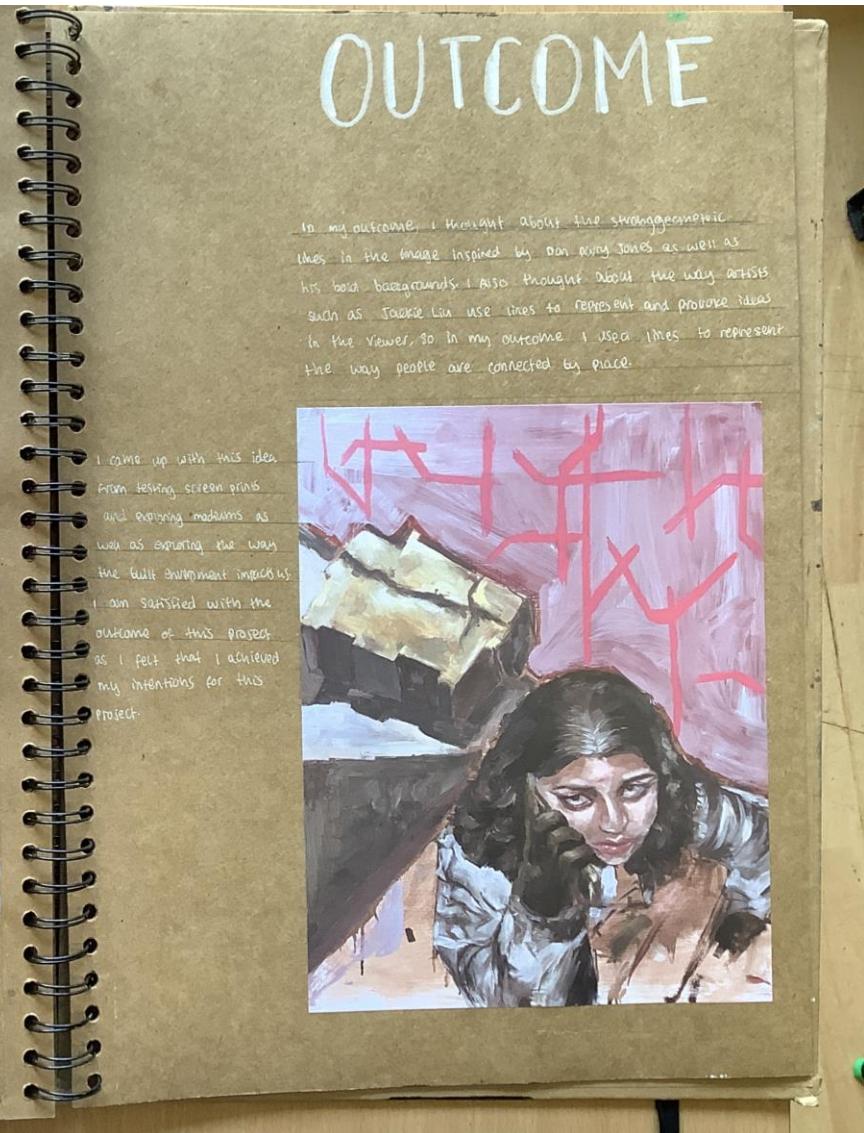
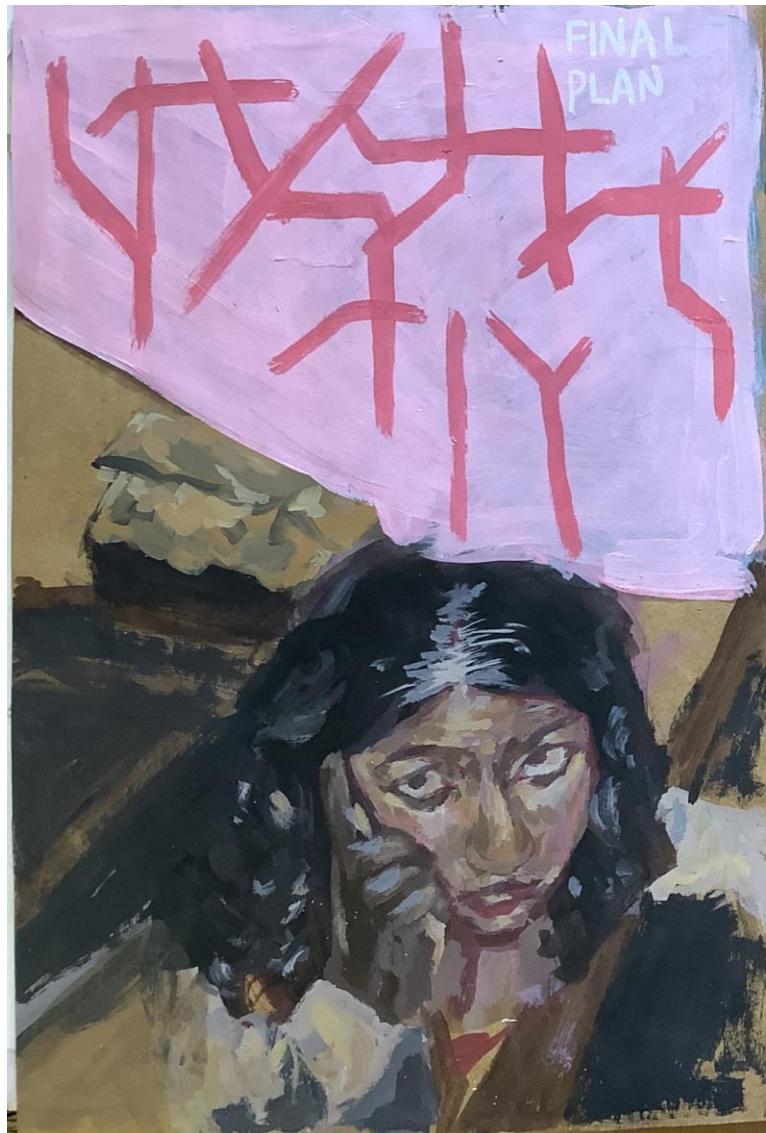
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DEVELOPING

I also did a painting of
brick house to see if I wanted
to incorporate it into my final
piece. However, I decided NOT to
as I felt that it did not fit
with my intended focus of
construction in this project.





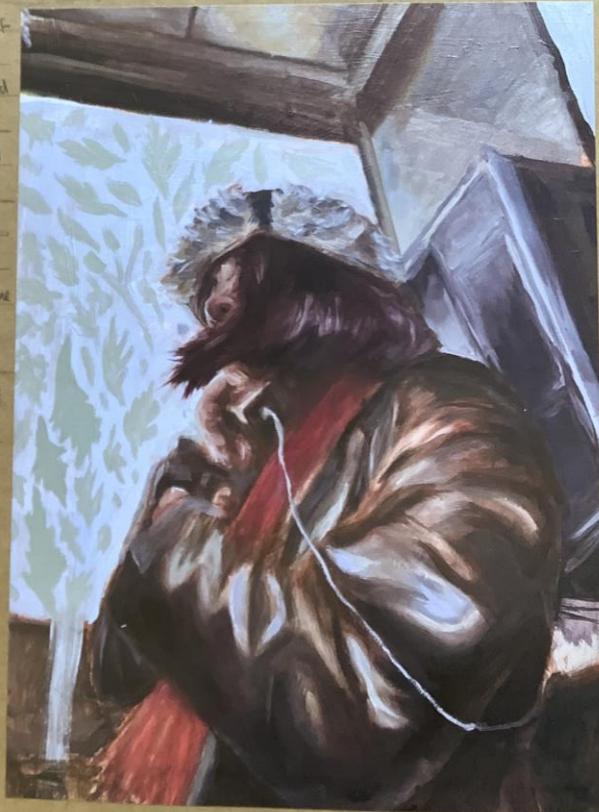
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Along side this project, I also did an external piece. I painted this building near marylebone and used a more experimental style. I liked the outcome of this piece and felt that it fitted into my body of work.

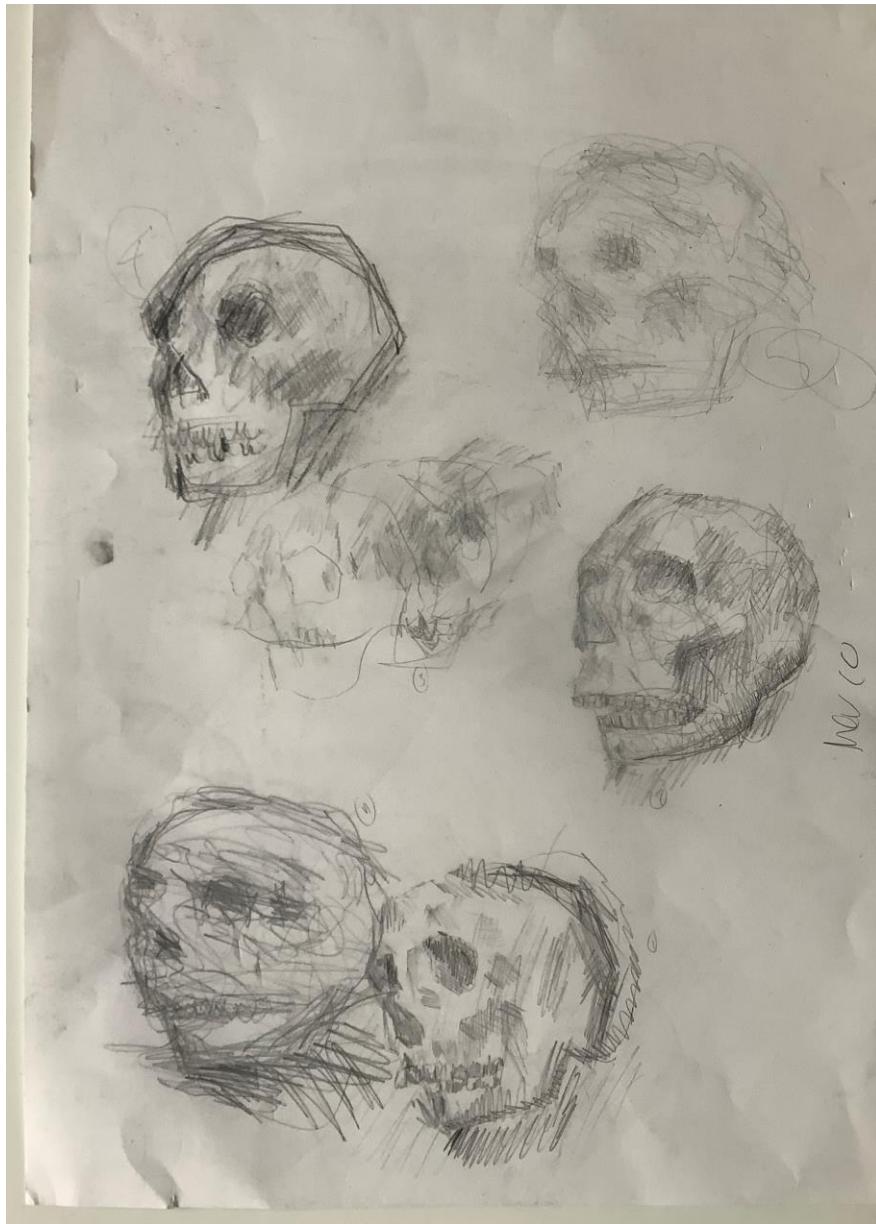


OUTCOME

My outcome was influenced by caravaggio and his use of light and shadow as well as the employment of an underpainting. Doing an underpainting helped me establish proportions but also be able to be less restrictive in my brush strokes which lead to a more emotive outcome. I was also influenced by Michael Carson's patterns and textures which I incorporated into the painting after testing it. I wanted the pattern to be subtle and not take away from the subject itself but instead enhance it. In my statement of intent I wanted to convey the emotion of loneliness which I physicalised through the use of the piano box which emphasises the softness and vulnerability. I used oil paint for this outcome as it allowed me to change aspects of the underpainting as well as the background without drying quickly and allowed for a smoother blend.





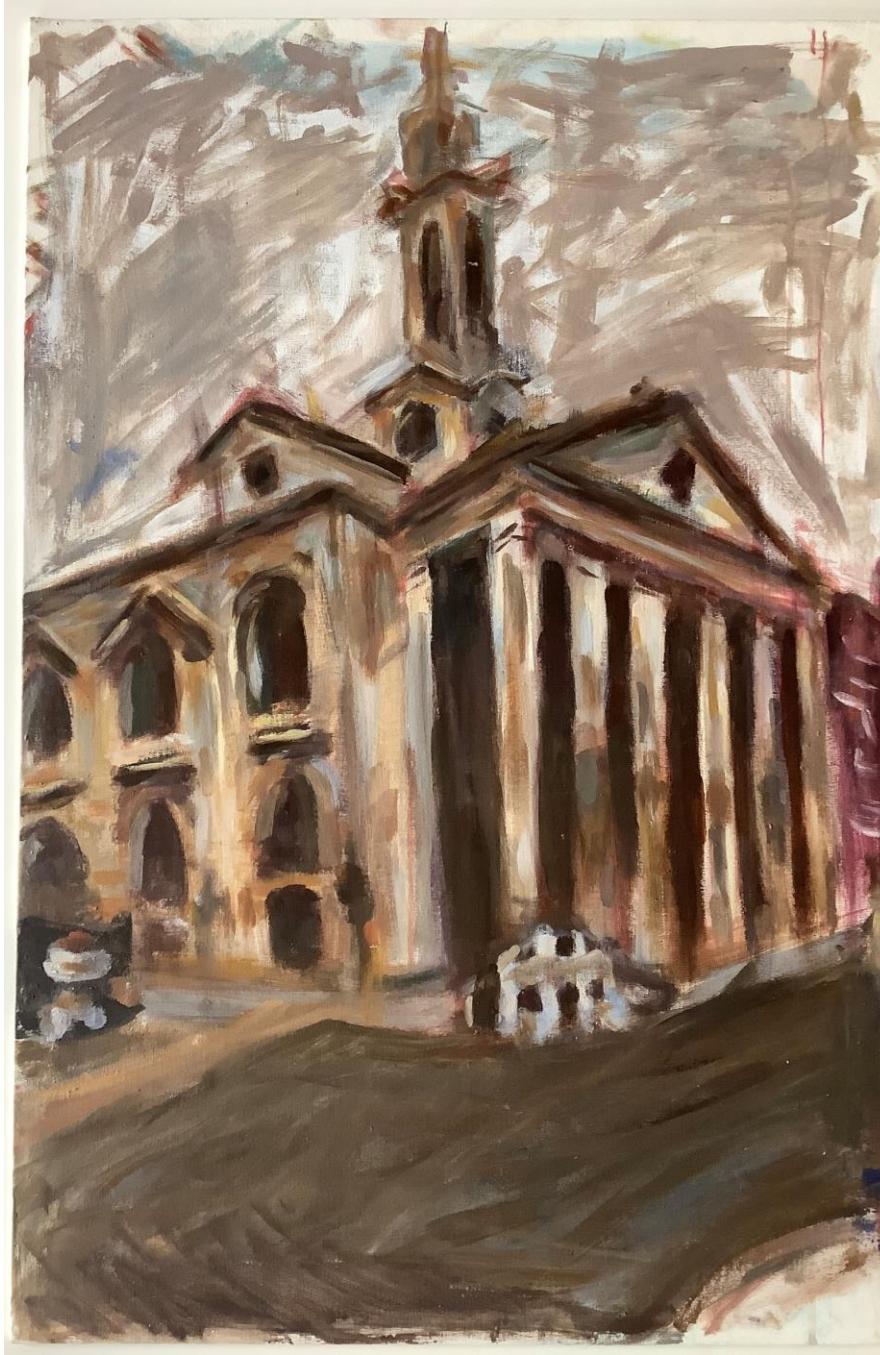












Personal Study

How has architecture in art facilitated connection? By [REDACTED]

In this essay, I hope to explore how architecture in art conveys the purpose of architecture within our lives. In my personal project, I chose the theme of "connection" which is based on the idea that design is a fundamental component that impacts the way that all our memories, thoughts and actions are experienced. In this essay, I will evaluate the way architecture is utilised in artwork to express certain ideas and emotions.

The concept of connection can be expressed in many ways. A connection can be found in a community but also through a tangible connection such as a railway track joining two cities or roads. Ankita Agrawal writes in her article, "Architecture has never been just about planning, zoning, materials, or structures, but it was always about creating an expression for users, satisfying their needs, and responding to the context." Ankita describes the intangible aspects of architecture such as light passing through a window which is felt or seen and is a visual connection.

I want to explore how architecture can represent the identity of a place and define how we perceive and experience our surroundings. Firstly I will explore the way it has affected the way people are connected and its representation in art through artists such as Edward Hopper, Dan Parry Jones and Kenny Harris. I want to investigate how they use architecture in their artwork to represent certain ideas or emotions and how it links to wider concepts about the time the artist lived or lives in. Additionally, I will evaluate the use of formal elements in their art to review the purpose of the built environment in art and how it impacts the message the artist is trying to convey. To conclude this essay I will bring the elements of connection that each artist explores to investigate how and if architecture facilitates connection.

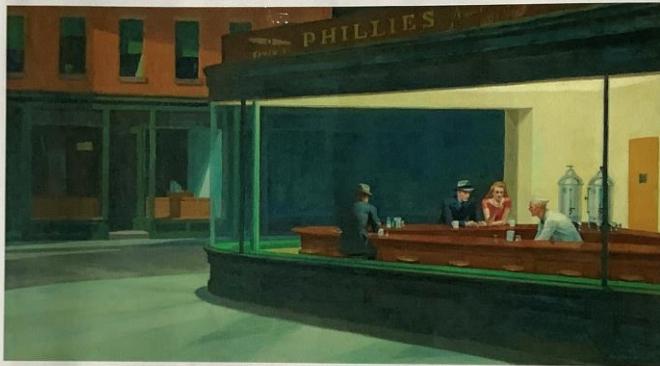
When I look at artwork, architecture appears to often influence the dynamics of the subjects or the predominant features in the painting. In this essay I plan to expand on this idea and investigate if architecture impacts the message that an artist wants to convey; if there is, is it significant?

Edward Hopper

Edward Hopper was an American artist from New York (born in 1882) who painted landscapes and architecture predominantly on the east coast of America, more specifically in New York. His career spanned a time of despair following the great depression as well as world war 1 and America joining world war 2. This created an impact on his work with elements of realism and ashcan school which is seen through the empty, barren landscapes and cities that creates the narrative for the subjects in it. I looked at three pieces of Hopper's work and analysed how architecture impacts the message conveyed in the artwork.

In Hopper's artwork, '*Nighthawks*, 1942', architecture is employed to bring focus to the right-hand side of the painting. Inside the building, four subjects, despite being close, appear isolated. Two people, presumably, a man and his wife, sit side by side with equivocal expressions whilst desolate glancing in different directions- the row of empty seats evoking a further sense of eeriness. The building has large windows with no clear entrance as well as an

ambiguous light source that casts a ghastly glow onto the neighbouring building. Architecture acts as a barrier between the viewer and the subjects; the aggressive yellow light creates a theatrical stage contrasting the quiet dark streets like the start of a film. As Edward Hopper lived through the great depression, 'Nighthawk' could be also a reference to the hopelessness and pessimism felt by the American population at the time. Furthermore, this painting was finished when America officially joined World War 2. Therefore the darkness of the neighbouring building could be a reference to the blackouts during the war as well as the uncertainty and anguish that many felt in the American population in a time of despair.



Nighthawks, Edward Hopper (1942)

Scale was used in Hopper's artwork to evoke a feeling of alienation. Instead of using close-up subjects as the focal point of the work, they are often made smaller by the building that they are inside. The theme of alienation references the difficult relationship between Hopper and his wife who became the only muse in his art. In 'Nighthawks', the vague relationship between the two people sat together could be a depiction of Hopper and Jo's marriage; the fact that there is no entrance insinuates the entrapment between the marriage of the two- Jo relying financially on Hopper and Hopper relying on Jo as an assistant with growing his name in the art scene at the time. As well as alluding to the concept of isolation, the buildings themselves were also isolated. In many of his landscape paintings, such as in "Lighthouse Hill, 1927", the buildings are often alone. Hopper also used lighthouses to represent this idea as they were symbolic of being secluded. Using architecture to scale amplifies the feeling of losing individuality and meaning. Hopper's artwork utilised architecture to emphasise the ways we are disconnected from each other. The buildings represent the separation between ourselves and the rest of the world.



Lighthouse Hill, 1927



Early Sunday Morning, 1930

A city is a busy place yet this concept is subverted in Hopper's artwork. In most of his landscape and city paintings, there are few subjects in his paintings. Hopper employs a unique use of colour in his paintings. Most notably in his paintings of architecture are usually primary colours such as in "*Nighthawks*" and "*Early Sunday Morning, 1930*". In these paintings, the bold red and blue colours, alongside the repetitive row of windows that spread across the page, develop the dream-like surrealism that influenced Hopper which he describes as "an image that is comfortingly familiar, while at the same time generating an anxious feeling of strangeness". Hopper was heavily influenced by the Impressionist movement which can be seen in his use of a nostalgic and light colour palette in his landscape paintings. This contrasts with the use of primary colours in *Nighthawks* where the bright primary colours feel out of place for an empty nighttime city, particularly when saturated primary colours are synonymous with joy and happiness which contradicts the futile expressions of the subject's faces as well as the period it was painted in.

The contrast between the warm, bright, dream-like appearance of his artwork with the darker themes of loneliness and gloom could represent how Hopper's artwork reevaluates American ideologies such as the "American dream" and instead shows the reality of solitude felt by many at the time. Therefore, Nighthawks could be a representation of the unmasked reality of Edward Hopper's life. His artwork creates a sense of existentialism in the viewer, allowing them to ponder ideas such as the meaning of life and individuality.

Kenny Rogers

Kenny Harris is a contemporary naturalist painter from California who focuses primarily on painting in different interior environments and portraits. His work uses aspects of classical painting to create formality and structure but also uses influences of impressionism to create a quiet, soft style in his work. To explore the impact of architecture in his work, I looked at both his figurative and interior paintings.

Kenny Harris takes a more alternative approach to painting architecture. His work evokes a more calming energy as he uses a more muted palette and focuses on a more mundane beauty of life. In his painting "*Ordinary Acts, 2018*" Harris uses architecture as a pathway in the journey of life. In this piece, Harris is situated on the left of the painting, glancing out the window with a shaded light that faintly reflects on the walls of the Italian Villa. There is a strong warm palette created by the yellow walls, yet the subject matter refers to Harris facing the idea of death - masked by the "*Ordinary acts*" seen in the painting. Harris infers this with the fallen wine glass, its position is reminiscent of a fallen king in a game of chess. Glass, like our lives, is easily breakable and damaged. This is further emphasised in the wooden board which has a distorted image of a skull in its grooves - a motif of death. The Architecture in this painting represents the journey of life. There is a movement from the flowing of water to the painting at the end of the corridor. The doorway has a dark hallway which leads to a room in the back which features a painting and a chair. The light in the room reflects on the door and floor creating a mysterious and inviting essence to the place. The final room represents the ending of the journey, the inevitability of death. The chair acts as the final resting place allowing for a moment of calmness before it ends. However, the ambiguity of the room shows how death is unknown but also is something to not fear and instead encourages us to be walked towards fate in acceptance and peace; architecture allows us to reflect on our lives. The physicalization of the metaphorical journey of death shows how architecture is a permanent sanctuary of memories and connects us to them.



Ordinary Acts, 2018

Harris uses muted colours that create a nostalgic essence to allow the viewer to ponder the beauty of the mundane interiors. This can be seen in his painting "*Bryce House Kitchen*", Harris focuses on the way light bounces off the reflective surfaces in the room. A strong light source that glazes the yellow wall reflects on the sink basin and cupboard. The use of muted colours and shadow in the doorway allows the viewer to make features of the painting emerge from the background. Harris's paintings are inviting and focus on developing an atmosphere of the place through formal elements such as colour and composition. This is similar to the work of Edward Hopper - simple, everyday places that can take on a narrative. Harris's work reflects on connections within oneself as well as the connection between a person and their interior environments.



Bryce House Kitchen, Garinish Island, Cork

Dan Parry-Jones

Dan Parry-Jones is a contemporary mixed-media artist from Bristol. His work employs bold saturated backgrounds that are contrasted with subdued shadows that define the shapes of the buildings. To investigate the impact of architecture in his work, I analysed his work "Beauty from Ashes" and the way architecture represents ideas about urban life and transformation.



Beauty from Ashes, 2018

In his artwork "*Beauty from Ashes, 2018*", some elements are duller whilst some are vibrant which brings the attention of the viewer to certain aspects of the painting. The artwork is of a street, which appears to be viewed out of a window from across the street. In the foreground, an older style of the area is seen with the ornate shape of the frames around the windows as well as the style of the stores below and next to it. In the background, the newer architecture is seen in the apartment complex. This could allude to the evolution of different building styles and eras, which create a sense of place and history in his work, as different periods and regions. The bright contrast creates the effect of light hitting the building. The painting has experimental textures which reinforce a feeling of maximalism.

The painting's use of bold saturated colours creates an enticing contrast from the monochromatic screenprint. The use of blue creates dimension in the building but also harmonises the foreground with the background whilst the vibrancy of the pink further emphasises the depth and perspective of the artwork. This draws the viewer's eyes to certain elements of the painting such as the top of the neighbouring building. Furthermore, the use of pink creates a sense of intimacy and tenderness whilst the use of blue could symbolise

tranquillity and nature. The nature motif is frequently used in Parrys' work, primarily through motifs of trees, water and sky. The colours could also represent opposing forces such as sadness and happiness or coldness and warmth.

The title "beauty from ashes" has biblical connotations and refers to the idea that something beautiful can arise from a tragic situation. It can be analysed from both a literal and metaphorical perspective. Metaphorically, "beauty from ashes" suggests that even amid adversity, there is the potential for growth, change, and transformation. It is a reminder that we can find hope and optimism in the face of challenges and setbacks. In the context of the artwork, "beauty from ashes" could refer to finding beauty in architecture, even if they are damaged or abandoned, whether that's through the memories associated with the place or the distinct identity it evokes.

In his art, Dan Parry Jones takes influence from Richard Diebenkorn and Robert Rauschenberg. This can be seen from the bold abstract backgrounds which are reminiscent of Diebenkorn's geometric landscape paintings as well as the faint gestural style that can be seen in some of Jones' work. Jones' energetic artwork has elements of Rauschenberg's photomontages. This can be seen in Rauschenberg's implementation of motifs of pop culture, patterns and shapes as well as the clashing of various textures, mediums and photos. The influences of these artists could also be a testament to the way Parry creates his artworks by superimposing layers of flat colours and photographs.

"Beauty from Ashes" explores the intrinsic connection between urban and rural. The rough and eclectic style is personified through the artwork's expressive mark-making, which resembles the "ashes" amidst the rest of the image. Parrys' artwork synthesises metropolitan and natural environments through the motifs of his collages from palm trees and landscapes in the Alps to buildings and pools. The juxtaposition of brightly coloured walls with modernist buildings amalgamates fragments of realism and abstraction which combine different cultures and artistic styles.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the relationship between art, architecture, and connection is a complex and multifaceted one. Through the works of artists such as Edward Hopper, Dan Parry-Jones and Kenny Harris, I found how art can be used to depict and evoke emotions and experiences related to architecture, from the mundane to the sublime.

Researching different styles from the mid-20th century to the 21st century also allowed me to see how architecture itself has evolved. In Hopper's work, with the war creating uncertainty, architecture feels impermanent, notably due to the change into brutalist and modernist architecture post-war, whereas in comparison to Harris' work, Harris seeks the peacefulness and immortality of architecture.

By exploring the relationship between art, architecture, and connection, we gain a deeper understanding of the role that these disciplines play in shaping our experiences of the built environment and our relationships with each other. The sense of warmth and comfort in Harris' art juxtaposes with the sombre theme explored in "ordinary acts". The building visualises the

journey of life and death where architecture is employed as a physical transformation of time and uses light to represent different stages of death which are weaved within the ordinary acts.

Although the role of architecture in art is down to the individual interpretation of the artist and the viewer, looking at how it is used in art signifies the importance of architecture as a vehicle of disconnection as well as connection which I researched through these artists. Fundamentally, connection is a concept that encapsulates a broad range of ideas such as human emotion and culture but also the physical connection between man-made and nature, explored through Jones' work. Exploring the way architecture impacts artwork signifies the importance it plays in everyday life.

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