

# Art Department

Art students visit Birmingham to find inspiration for their A Level examination projects



## Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

This week, all AS and A2 Art students from the college took the opportunity to visit Birmingham in search of inspiration for their current coursework projects. The students are all working on an externally set assignment commonly referred to as the “Exam” project, in which they are tasked with selecting from a set number of questions.

‘Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery’ houses a wide variety of art, ceramics and exhibits; everything from Renaissance Masterpieces to Egyptian Mummies.

Students also got to see exhibitions of the work of Bridget Riley and an exhibition of leading Birmingham jewelers “FLUX”

AS Art students experimenting with interactive installations



Daniel Lovatt, formerly of Blurton, and Tom Machin, formerly of Edensor, making notes on jewellery they have found.



Libby Ward, formerly of Holden Lane, and Rose Mayer, formerly of Berry Hill, reading about the public art in Centenary Square.





# New Art Gallery Walsall

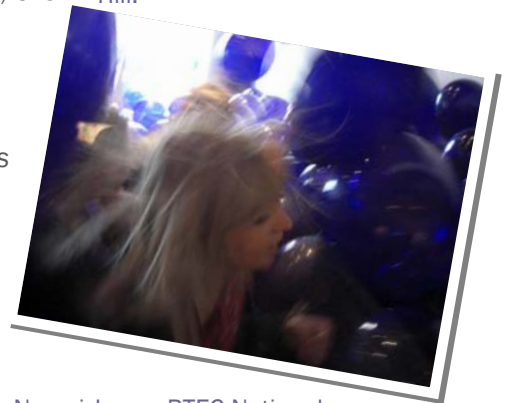
The next stop for the group was the New Art Gallery Walsall, which this year is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. This gallery was very different to the first, the work here was of a far more modern nature and displayed in ways to challenge the visitor and encourage them to engage with the pieces.

Helen Morgan, Teacher of Art and Photography said; *“We try very hard to find galleries to visit with a diverse range of work that will appeal to everyone’s taste, the different collections of work we have seen on this trip truly succeeded in that.”*

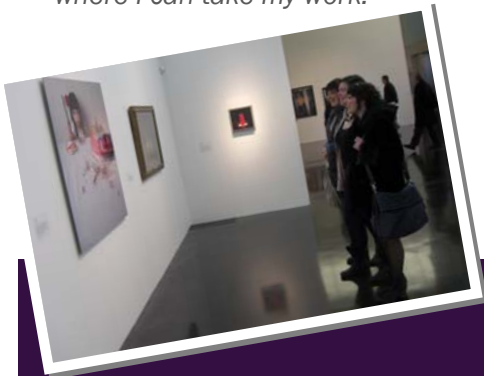
Graeme Reed Head of Art said “It was nice to visit somewhere and think the students really benefited from seeing an exciting mix of work which embraced multiple media approaches. Kate Sampey a

Photography student, formerly of NUL School said *“This trip was really relevant to my current project and I was able to see work by photographers that until now I had only seen in books. The trip has made me think about where I can take my work.”*

Photography student Mitchel Hodges experimenting for his project “Mirrors’ with the help of Kirsty Sidley, both formerly of Berry Hill.



Naomi Jones, BTEC National Certificate Art and Design student formerly of Edensor interacting with Art.



Georgina Rushton, AS Art student, formerly of Blurton High School, said; *“I liked BMAG as it had traditional art that appeals to me not just modern. There were lots of floors and different spaces to explore and keep me interested.”*

Martin Creed-2000 purple balloons (and some students)

“Half the air in a given space”



AS Art and Design students admiring the view across Walsall from the top floor of the gallery