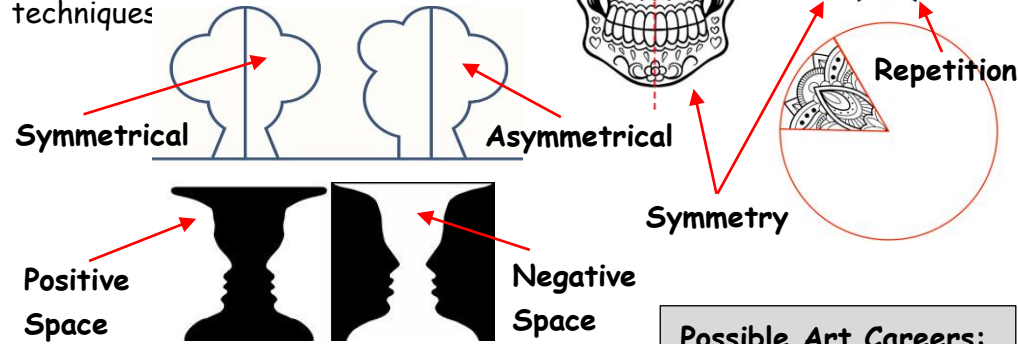


Year 8 Autumn Term Art Knowledge Bank

AO3 Drawing Techniques

Symmetry in art is when the elements of a painting or drawing balance each other out. This could be the objects themselves, but it can also relate to colours and other compositional techniques



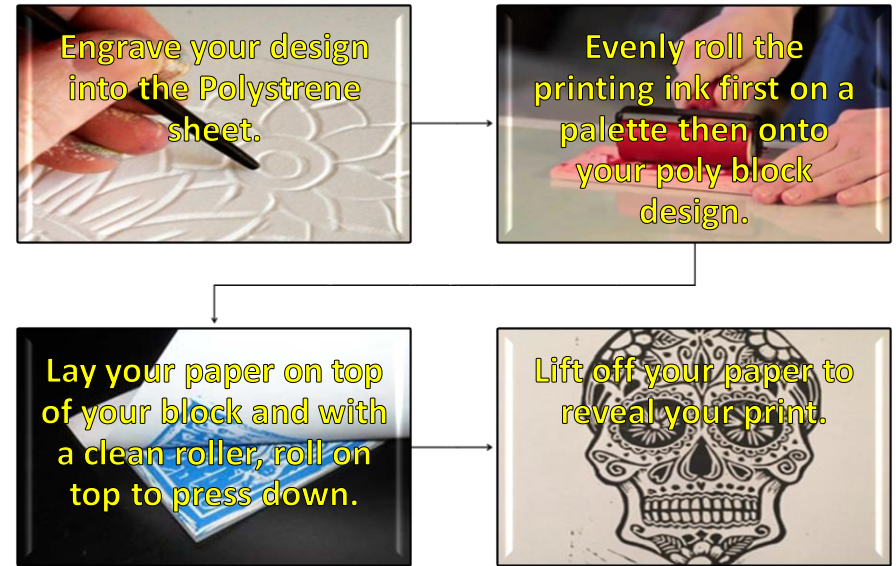
Negative space is, quite simply, the space that surrounds an object in an image. Just as important as that object itself, negative space helps to define the boundaries of **positive space** and brings balance to a composition.

Possible Art Careers:

- Makeup artist
- Jewellery designer
- Special effects artist
- Photographer
- Media editor

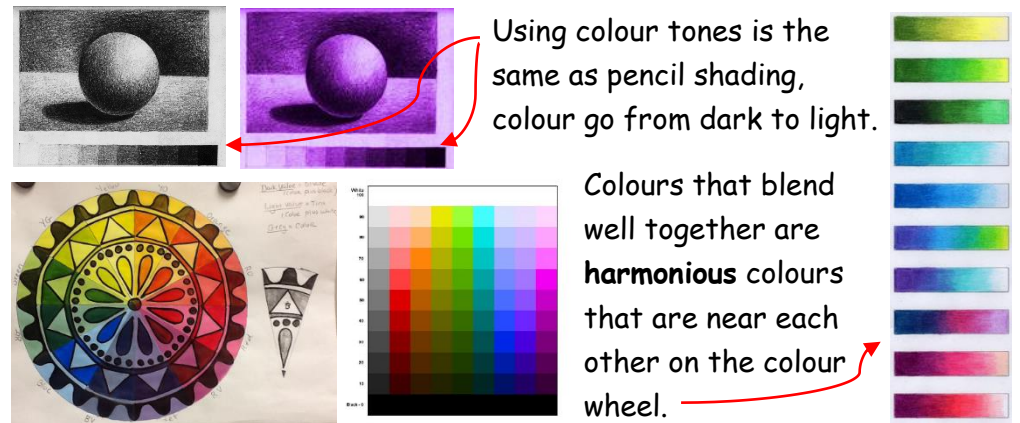
AO2 Media, Techniques and Processes

Poly Block Printing



Colouring Tones and Blending

Blending is the technique of gently merging two or more **colours** or values to create a gradual transition or to soften lines. As an **artist**, it's **important** to practice **blending** in any medium you choose to work with. Blending is important in pencil shading and colour drawing or painting.



Key Literary Vocabulary

Symmetry/ Symmetrical	Exactly similar parts facing each other or around an axis.
Asymmetric/ Asymmetrical	Two sides are not identical, but differ from one another.
Positive Space	Refers to the main focus of a picture.
Negative Space	Refers to the background of a picture.
Repetition	Objects, shapes, colours or pattern repeated.
Pattern	A repeated decorative design.

AO1 Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources.

Día de Muertos

Known as the **Day of the Dead** is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and help support their **spiritual** journey.

It takes place on two days. November 1st is to honour children and infants and deceased adults are honoured on November 2nd.

One of the most important traditions is the setup of an altar in memory of the deceased, where the four **elements** of nature, water, wind, fire



(candles) and earth (flowers) are **represented**. The altar or offerings might include the favorite food of the loved one and candy skulls made of sugar are part of the Day of the Dead tradition.

Sugar Skulls in Mexican culture is the main symbol representing Dia de Muertos or Day of the Dead.

Today modern culture has adopted the candy sugar skulls meaning of remembering the dead and turned them into drawings. The sugar skull art has inspired many **tattoo** artists.



Mandala

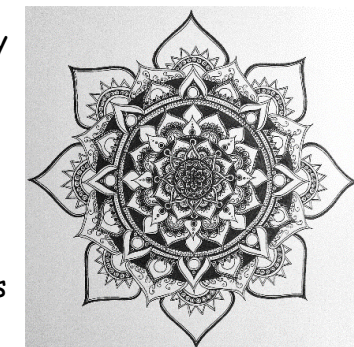
Mandalas are part of the religious traditions of **Buddhism**. Buddhism is a **spiritual tradition** that focuses on personal spiritual development and the attainment of a deep insight into the true nature of life. The goal of Buddhism is a state of lasting, unconditional happiness known as **enlightenment**.

A "mandala offering" in Tibetan Buddhism is a **symbolic** offering of the entire universe. Mandalas are used to facilitate **meditation**. Tibetan Buddhist Monks use mandalas as a way of evoking spiritual energy, meditation and healing. Mandalas were traditionally constructed from sand and are believed to effect purification and healing.



When the mandala is finally finished, however long it takes, they pray over it — and then they **destroy** it. ... Because the underlying message of the mandala ceremony is that nothing is permanent.

The literal meaning of mandala, which is a **Sanskrit** word, is **circle**. **Circles** represents wholeness, **balance**, **perfection** and **eternity** as the distance from its center to all points on it remains the same, from wherever it is measured.



Key Literary Vocabulary

Tattoo	An art form that places pigment on the skin of a design, pattern or word.	Symbolic	The art of using an object or a word to represent an idea.
Cultural	Ideas, customs and social behaviours of society often relating to the Arts and intellectual achievements.	Spiritual	Relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things.
Elements	Essential or characteristic parts of something.	Balance	Different elements are equal or in the correct proportions.

Useful websites to research further knowledge

www.dayofthedeatholiday

www.mandala-painting.com/sand-mandalas/