

Summer Project

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Cardiff School of Art & Design

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Pre-Entry Summer Tasks

Please complete the following tasks during the summer, before the programme starts. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Dr Fausto Sanna at fsanna@cardiffmet.ac.uk.

Task 1 – *Understanding by drawing*

Choose a building that you like and start to study it by drawing it at different scales:

- first, draw the building in its context (this could be, for instance, a perspective view of the street);
- then draw the whole façade of the building (this could be an elevation or another perspective view);
- finally, identify two interesting components of the building and draw them in detail (for instance, a doorway, a frieze, a window, a gate or a chimney).

These have to be free-hand drawings, and you can use the medium you prefer (e.g., pencil, coloured pencils, pens or felt-tip pens), on A4 paper.

If it is possible, try to do this task as observational drawing on site; if not, take photos of the building and then draw it at home.

To complete the task, answer the following questions regarding your building:

- what do you like about it? Why have you chosen it?
- do you have a special connection to it, or a memory associated with it?
- in what era do you think it was built? What can you say about its architectural style?
- do you know anything about its designer?



Task 2 – A capital for my hometown

Do some research on column capitals throughout the centuries and continents, from Corinth's acanthus capital to Washington's corncob capital, from Persepolis' Huma-bird capital to the capitals of London's Storm Water Pumping Station.

If your hometown were to have its own capital, what would it look like? Choose form, colour and texture so as to represent and summarise your town's essence and uniqueness. Present your ideas using any drawing technique or media.



A Corinthian capital on top of a column (from the Pantheon, Rome). As can be seen, Corinthian capitals are richly decorated, the acanthus leaf being the predominant motif. [Photo credit: Carole Raddato; CC BY-CA 2.0]

You will be presenting *A capital for my hometown* during Welcome Week.

