

USING THE FORUM

This is a quick guide to the basic features on our Forum and our Terms & Conditions for users.

What you can do

The Forum allows you to:

1. Post up your work for Friends to see and critique
2. Download Articles and Painting projects
3. Comment on what you see in text or pictures
4. Contribute articles you have written on oil painting

Diploma Students have additional Forum areas which are not accessible by Friends.

1. Using the Forum Homescreen

The forum Home Screen allows you to navigate to where you want to go, and quickly view any new activity or topics. It has four areas for you to navigate

These are:

The screenshot shows the Forum Home Screen with the following elements highlighted:

- A:** The top navigation menu (HOME, PAINTING PROJECTS, PDF ARTICLES, STUDIO NOTES, DIPLOMA AREA, FRIEND'S AREA).
- B:** The Forum Index table listing topics, voices, posts, and freshness.
- C:** The search bar.
- D:** The user profile and log out button.

Topic	Voices	Posts	Freshness
Project 2 Gallery: Turner's Burning of the Houses of Lords and Commons Started by: Martin Kinnear in Friend's Area	2	6	Martin Kinnear 1 hour, 16 minutes ago
Beach View Started by: Martin Kinnear in What's on your easel?	1	1	Martin Kinnear 1 hour, 24 minutes ago
My new work Started by: Martin Kinnear in What's on your easel?	1	1	Martin Kinnear 1 hour, 32 minutes ago
Keeping 50/50 fresh for longer Started by: Martin Kinnear in Questions and Answers	2	4	Martin Kinnear 1 hour, 42 minutes ago
What's on your Easel December 2014 Started by: Martin Kinnear in What's on your easel?	2	6	Martin Kinnear 2 hours, 12 minutes ago

- A: PAGE MENU
- B: CURRENT TOPICS
- C: SEARCH BAR
- D: LOG IN

PAGE MENU: These are shortcuts to the various areas of the Forum. These are Home (the Home page), Painting Projects, Studio Notes, Diploma Area and Friend's Area. Extra pages may be added as the Forum develops.

To access a page simply click the appropriate header on the menu bar. Note that the DIPLOMA AREA is a private forum for Diploma students only and cannot be accessed with a Friend's membership.

CURRENT TOPICS: Is a dynamic list of recent activity in any and all of the areas on the Forum. The most recent post is listed at the top along with 'Voices' (the number of people who have contributed to the topic) and 'Posts' (the number of contributions to that topic).

You can access any of the recent posts directly from the Home page by clicking on them, with the exception of Diploma Posts of course.

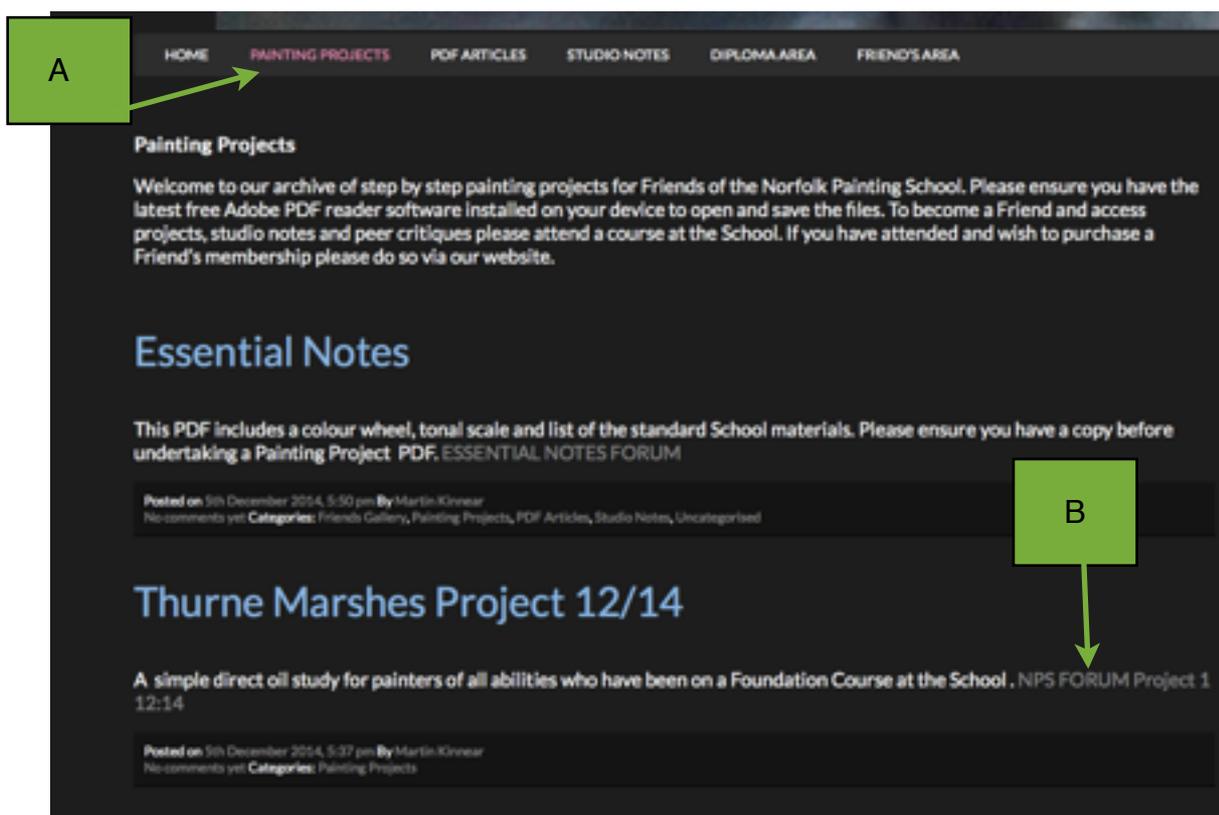
SEARCH BAR: Is a text input field which will search the entire Forum for any keyword you enter, and is a convenient way to find posts from any forum that are related to your search.

LOG IN: Here you can check that you are logged in to the Forum, and see your current Avatar picture. An Avatar is the term for a picture and personal information of your choice, which represent you on the Forum. Clicking your name will allow you to access and change your Avatar settings providing you are logged in.

2. Downloading A Project or Article.

All projects and articles are supplied as downloadable files in Adobe PDF format. PDF files are compatible with PC, MAC, and Tablets, and many devices will read them without the need to install a PDF reader. If not please note that we do not provide technical support and it is up to you to ensure that you have the latest free Adobe PDF Reader software correctly installed on your device.

Painting Projects may be downloaded via the Painting Projects tab on the Page Menu. To locate a project:



1. Click on the Painting Projects Menu (A)
2. Select a Project from the list and left click the Project file (B)
3. The project will be opened (but not automatically saved) on your device.

Most devices allow you to print or save the PDF file, please check your device Help files in the unlikely event that you have difficulty with this.

We regret we cannot offer technical support as any difficulties you experience accessing a PDF file will be due to the settings on your device. Please see the help files for setting up Adobe PDF which are widely available online or contact the manufacturer of your product.

Other Downloadable Articles

All of the downloadable document menus act in exactly the same way, they are:

Painting Projects: contains all of the currently available step by step projects in PDF format. Approximately 1 project per quarter will be added to the menu - just as you would receive in the quarterly Journal.

Projects from Journals 1-7 are **not** available through the Forum, although they can be accessed through back copies of the Journal (available via the School website).

Studio Notes: is a resource of articles on studio craft and materials, again we will add articles to this on a quarterly basis as per the Journal.

Studio Notes from Journals 1-7 are **not** available through the Forum, although they can be accessed through back copies of the Journal (available via the School website).

PDF Articles: is a library of articles about oil painting written by Martin Kinnear, all of which have been published in magazines, and is provided as an archive for our student's use. We will add extra articles here when appropriate.

3. The Friend's Area

The screenshot shows the 'Friend's Area' forum page. At the top, there is a navigation menu with tabs: HOME, PAINTING PROJECTS, PDF ARTICLES, STUDIO NOTES, DIPLOMA AREA, and FRIEND'S AREA. A green box labeled 'A' highlights the 'FRIEND'S AREA' tab. Below the navigation, the 'Friend's Area' header is displayed, followed by a welcome message: 'Welcome to the Friend's Forum. Post your projects to the 'Friend's Gallery', your own creations to 'What's on your Easel' and discuss oil painting in 'Q&A''. A 'Subscribe' button is located on the right side, highlighted by a green box labeled 'C'. Below the header, a status bar indicates: 'This forum contains 11 topics and 23 replies, and was last updated by Martin Kinnear 1 hour, 17 minutes ago.' The main content area is a table with columns: Forum, Topics, Posts, and Freshness. A green box labeled 'B' highlights the 'Reference Images' forum entry. The table lists three forums: 'Reference Images' (1 topic, 3 posts, last updated 6 days, 14 hours ago), 'Questions and Answers' (1 topic, 4 posts, last updated 1 hour, 43 minutes ago), and 'What's on your easel?' (3 topics, 8 posts, last updated 1 hour, 25 minutes ago).

Forum	Topics	Posts	Freshness
Reference Images Please post any amazing reference images you have for sharing with your friends here, along with your ideas for painting them	1	3	Martin Kinnear 6 days, 14 hours ago
Questions and Answers Submit your questions and share your answers on oil painting here	1	4	Martin Kinnear 1 hour, 43 minutes ago
What's on your easel? Post your latest oil paintings and works in progress here for friends to view and critique	3	8	Martin Kinnear 1 hour, 25 minutes ago

The Friend's Area contains topics which you can read, comment on and post your paintings to.

To access the Friend's area select the FRIEND'S AREA tab (A) on the PAGE MENU. To enter one of the Friend's Forums (B), simply select the one you want from the list. In the above illustration we have three Friend's Forums (Reference Images, Questions and Answers, What's On Your Easel), however these will change from time to time.

The current number of topics and posts within each Forum is displayed, along with the Avatar of the last contributor.

If you want to be alerted to any new posts in this Area (or any Forum, or topic), simply click SUBSCRIBE (C), and you'll be sent an e-mail notification whenever the thread is updated. To unsubscribe click again or manage your subscriptions through your Avatar settings.

4. Posting

The screenshot shows a forum posting form with the following elements:

- A yellow banner at the top: "Your account has the ability to post unrestricted HTML content."
- A "Topic Title (Maximum Length: 80):" input field with a green box labeled "A" to its right.
- A rich text editor toolbar with buttons for bold, link, b-quote, del, img, ul, ol, li, code, and close tags.
- A large text area for the post content with a green box labeled "B" inside.
- Form fields for "Topic Tags:", "Topic Type:" (set to Normal), and "Topic Status:" (set to Open).
- A checkbox labeled "Allow up replies via email" with a green box labeled "E" to its left.
- A yellow banner below the checkbox: "File size allowed is 10000 KB."
- An "Attachments:" section with a "Choose File" button and "no file selected" text, and a "Choose another file" button with a green box labeled "D" to its left.
- A "Submit" button in the bottom right corner with a green box labeled "C" above it.

You can contribute text and/or images to any relevant forum. To do so simply:

Navigate to the input field (normally this is at the end of a thread).

Add a title for your contribution (A)

Add any text you like (B)

Press Submit (C)

If you'd like to add an image or document to your contribution (to post up a Project for instance), simply click on the CHOOSE FILE button (D).

This will ask you to select a file from your device. Select the appropriate file and then submit the post (C). You'll notice that the reply will take longer to process than a text reply as your device will need to upload any to the Forum Server, you will see the progress on your browser menu bar. If your file is very large consider using a smaller one.

This is a simple operation which will be covered on any computer skills course. We regret that we cannot provide technical support on saving or locating files that you wish to upload

from your device and suggest that you create an easily accessible folder for this (on your desktop for instance).

If you wish to be notified of any replies to your post then click the 'Notify me by e-mail' box (E) before you submit your reply.

1. Terms of Use Agreement

2. The effective date of this Agreement is Dec 16, 2014.
3. People gather at the Forum for community, lessons critiques, and more. To ensure the community retains its friendly atmosphere and to prevent problems, it is necessary to have rules that govern the site. These rules apply to all members of the site.
4. Please read this page and the associated policies carefully. These are the rules that govern the community and help make the Forum a place where everyone is treated with respect and friendship.
5. If you have a question regarding a site policy, please bring it to our attention via our feedback form.
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9. **Description of Service**
10. NPS, owner of the Forum and its related services, provides users with access to a collection of resources, including various communications tools, forums, art selling services, or personalized content through its network of properties which may be accessed through various mediums or devices now known or hereafter developed (the “NPS Service”). Unless explicitly stated otherwise, any new features that augment or enhance the current NPS Service, including the release of new NPS properties, shall be subject to the User Agreement.
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29. Post, submit, transmit, or provide links to any Content that could be considered harmful, pornographic, obscene, indecent, lewd, vulgar, profane, violent, abusive, threatening, insulting, harassing, hateful, tortious, or otherwise objectionable;
30. Post, submit, transmit, or provide links to any Content that harasses, victimizes, degrades, or intimidates an individual or group or individuals on the basis of religion, race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability;
31. Post, submit, transmit, or provide links to Content that contains defamatory, false or libelous material, or any Content that is invasive of another's privacy;
32. Post, submit, transmit, or provide links to any Content that infringes or violates any intellectual property or other right of any entity or person, including, without limitation, copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, rights to privacy, rights of publicity, or other proprietary rights;
33. Post, submit, transmit, or provide links to any Content that you do not have a right to make available under law or under a contractual or fiduciary relationship (including but not limited to inside information, proprietary and

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34. Post, submit, transmit or provide any links to any unsolicited or unauthorized advertising, promotional materials, junk mail, spam, chain letters, pyramid schemes, surveys, contests, or any other form of solicitation, unless it is on a page that explicitly states that such postings are allowed on that page;
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37. Use the web site and any associated services in any manner which could damage, disable, overburden, impair, or otherwise interfere with the use of the web site and associated services by any other users, or which could damage, destroy, or otherwise disrupt or limit the functionality of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment, including but not limited to by means of posting, submitting, transmitting or providing a link to any computer viruses, Trojan horses, worms, or other harmful computer code, files or programs designed or intended to damage, interfere with, monitor surreptitiously, or take over another computer, any computer hardware or computer software;
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51. You acknowledge, consent, and agree that NPS may access, preserve, and disclose your account information and Content if required to do so by law or in a good faith belief that such access preservation or disclosure is reasonably necessary to:
52. Comply with legal process
53. Enforce this Agreement
54. Respond to claims that any Content violates the rights of third-parties
55. Respond to your requests for customer service
56. Protect the rights, property, or personal safety of NPS, its affiliates, other users and the public.
57. Rules of Conduct
58. . You agree to abide by the following Rules of Conduct with respect to your use of the web site and any related services, including but not limited to the forums, chat room and private messaging system. These rules are meant to ensure a community that is considerate and respectful to all others. Posts that are in violation of these rules may be edited or removed. Violations of these rules can also result in account suspension or termination, at NPS's discretion. F+W will typically only terminate accounts where a user has repeatedly violated these rules; however, NPS reserves the right to terminate a user's account without prior notice if NPS believes that a particular violation of these rules warrants immediate termination.
59. Member Names: Refrain from choosing a user name that might be considered offensive. Any user names that NPS considers, in its sole discretion, to be in violation of this rule will be changed and account access to the old name will be disabled.
60. Personal Information: **Respect the privacy of others.** Do not post personal information (name, address, location, age, profession, email address, etc.) regarding other users. In addition, NPS cautions you to exercise judgment when revealing personal information about yourself in any message, whether in a public forum, in a chat room, or in a private message, as third parties may be able to obtain and use that information. NPS is not responsible for any communications you receive, including spam, if you post or disclose your email address or other contact information on the web site, or in messages to other users.
61. **No Angry or Argumentative Posts:** All posts should be considerate and respectful of others. Read your post twice before you submit it. If there is any content that may be perceived as argumentative or motivated by anger, either do not post the message or revise it before posting. Similarly, if you encounter a post that you believe is angry or argumentative, do not respond to it.
62. In addition, "SHOUTING" (typing in all capital letters) can also come across as angry or argumentative. Simply removing these phrases (or the use of capital letters) may not be enough to comply with this rule. If the overall tone of the post remains angry or argumentative, you should either revise or refrain from posting the message.
63. No Taunting: Do not post taunts or other messages deriding or poking fun at other users, their work, or the topic of discussion.
64. No Republication of Private Messages: Do not post copies of emails or private messages to the public forums without the consent of the original author. If the message was intended to have a private audience, you may not post it publicly.
65. Limited Cross-Posting: Refrain from posting copies of the same message in multiple forums or threads, unless pertinent to each discussion forum. Whenever possible, choose the single most appropriate forum for your topic.
66. No Reviving Closed Topics: If a post is edited or a topic closed by a moderator, do not repost the edited material or restart the closed discussion in another thread. Similarly, do not post messages asking why a particular message was edited or a topic closed.
67. Inappropriate Language: The use of inappropriate or offensive language is not permitted on this site. Inappropriate or offensive language includes, but is not limited to, any language or content that is sexually oriented, sexually suggestive or abusive, harassing, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, profane, hateful, or that contains racially, ethnically or otherwise objectionable material of any kind.
68. Use Appropriate Forums: Our forums encourage discussion on a wide variety of topics. When choosing to initiate a topic, please choose the most appropriate forum for that topic. When responding to a particular topic, keep your posts focused on the topic of the forum in which the original message appears. Each forum has a different topic. What is appropriate in one forum may not be appropriate in another. NPS reserves the right to move posts or threads, to more appropriate forums, without prior notice and in NPS's sole discretion, or to delete posts or threads in inappropriate forums.
69. Erotic Art and Pornography: Posting your own erotic art is permitted in this community, provided that it is properly designated as erotic art and that it is **not** pornographic. With regard to the suitability of a post on this web site, NPS determines, in its sole discretion, whether a particular piece of art falls into the erotic or pornographic category. As a general guideline, valid erotic entries include nudes, studies of the human form, and works displaying sexual activities as long as the art is tasteful and does not illustrate physical penetration. You must designate a particular post as erotic by tagging it as such in the topic header.
70. If you would like to report a breach of the Rules of Conduct of a member, please use the contact form. This sends an email to a moderator so that the issue can be looked into further.

71. NPS strives to maintain the Forum web site as a place where people can gather to discuss their art and their lives as artists. It is our goal to permit posts and discussions that do not detract from this purpose or lead to the harm of the community or its members. The rules set forth above are intended to provide some structure to member discussions and to guard against the negative effects that damaging and destructive posts can have on a community. NPS recognizes that it may sometimes anger some community members by allowing a post they consider repulsive, or by editing or removing a post they believe complies with these guidelines. While you may not always agree with NPS's decisions as to whether a post or other submission is acceptable, you agree not to challenge those decisions.
72. Three Strikes Guideline
73. Moderators strive to give members the benefit of three strikes. The first strike will be a warning, often sent by PM or email. The second strike will be a warning that one more incident will lead to account removal. The third strike will result in account removal.
74. Please understand that this is a moderation guideline only. Behaviors deemed injurious to the community will lead to immediate account removal without notice.
75. We reserve the right to restrict, suspend, or terminate access to any part of these forums at any time. It is not necessary to be a repeat offender to be removed.
76. Reconciliation
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