Portfolio Documentation

Portfolio Brief

The goal of this project was to create a personal portfolio website that is easily accessible and viewable by whoever wishes to see it whenever they wish.

Colour palette and rationale

For the colour palette I wanted to go with a cool dark blue with white text so that most images and text within the website will pop out for the viewers of the website.

I found that using lighter colours made me want to add too many different things to the background and it ended up being cluttered.

I liked the mono colours of other websites and this is what inspired me to use a monotone dark blue with white text and white seperators for each of the sections

Font choices and justification

I am using the Arial font with a pure white colour so that it pops out from the dark blue background.

I didn't want to use a font that looked too stylistic as I thought that it would lead to visual clutter and thought that Arial would look good with the background and liked how it looked

Layout grid and structure

I concluded whilst making the design that it would be perfect to keep the website slim and concise. Each Section is separated with a thin white line to help users understand what section they are looking at.

The About section follows a design of having a brief paragraph of text that is to the left of an appropriate image so the user can draw a connection with the paragraphs topic

In the Portfolio section it too is sectioned off into 3 different sections within it that the user can click to skip to the section they desire to go to.

The Art section is set up in a way in which the images will align to the size of the screen that is viewing the page. With Desktops it will likely show a row of 5 art pieces and then on a phone it will show a row of either 1 or 2.

In the Other and Web Development sections I made it so that it would be a image of the project I was speaking about with a blurb about it in the center of the row so that the user could understand what my intentions and plans were for the project being discussed.

Navigation design and user flow

For navigation I have a black header to help seperate the top of the page from the main page. There is also a set of three buttons that will automatically bring a user down to the selected section when pressed. This is to help users to go to whatever section they deem most important for them to view.

Due to the Portfolio section being seperated into three extra sections I also have 3 links that the user can select to bring them to their desired section. I notice this could be a little tedious but I found it to be the easiest way to help with navigation without making the website being too cluttered

I imagine the users flow to follow a simple process on first time viewing where they will take a look at some of the About section and then go down to the portfolio section selecting a link to look at whatever section they find the most interesting and then have a quick look at whatever they like the look at. I assume they would then go up to the top of the screen and try out some of the buttons and then go to the bottom of the screen and see some of my socials attached at the bottom of the page.

Accessibility considerations (e.g., colour contrast, alternative text)

For accessibility I have alt text for each image on the website so that screen readers can read out the websites content to those who cant see.

Semantic HTML usage and its benefits

I have a header and a footer and a body section with each section and div having their own class name so everything is named and seperated into different sections

I find that Semantic HTML works well with my style of coding and its heavy focus and reliance on Divs and flex box

Compliance with web development standards (e.g., W3C standards)

Ive been following the guidelines set by the W3C standards and making sure all of my code includes headings, alt image titles and closing tags at the end of any finished piece of code