



15th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: GCSE Art course

I am writing to welcome your son/daughter to the GCSE Art course and inform you of the art sessions we have on offer this year to support independent study.

To help your son/daughter further advance their skills, meet the deadlines, and achieve success with coursework, the Art Department are offering all year 10 students the opportunity to attend coursework sessions which will run from 3.15-4.30pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school in L104 & L105. It is recommended that your son/daughter take advantage and embrace these after school sessions as they are an opportunity get together with like-minded peers to share ideas, and to meet with specialist art staff who can offer guidance to help improve the quality of their artwork.

Your son/daughter is expected to complete a minimum of 2 hours of independent study per week outside of school to meet the demands of the art course and pass at a higher grade 4 and above. Any homework that is set is bespoke and aimed at supporting classwork and extending independent learning. Work will be set with each project; with individual pieces of work being assessed. Projects will be formally assessed against the selected GCSE criteria. Your son/daughter will be awarded Passmores points for attending these sessions.

Students are to arrive on time and leave at the end of the session, in full school uniform and ready to work.

Kindest regards,

Claire Friedner
Head of Art