

December 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

## RE: GCSE Art and Photography

I write to seek your support in monitoring the on-going work and progress of your son or daughter in his or her GCSE Fine Art and / or Photography. As you are no doubt already aware, due to the current situation and time lost this year through school closures nationally, we are only required to submit marks for the coursework element of the GCSE. The advantage of this is that we can focus fully on coursework for the remainder of the course (ending 30 April 2021).

With this in mind, we decided not to complete a mock exam, since the students would not be sitting the 10 hour exam in the spring. Instead we are holding a 5 hour (one day) of focussed time in both Fine Art and Photography. This will be in exam conditions, so students can experience the immersion in their work for that day, producing a finished piece of work for their final coursework project, which will be planned for in the usual way.

Structure for the remainder of the course:

- Photography 5 hour immersion day – Wednesday 10 February, group 11B/KO, room A104
- Fine Art 5 hour immersion days:
  - Mon 22 Feb 2021 - 11C/Ar1 (Mr Woodhead's group), room A105
  - Tue 23 Feb 2021 - 11A/Ar1 (Mrs Watson's group), room A101
- 12 March 2021 for 1st coursework deadline
- Feedback given w/c 12 April 2021
- Final coursework deadline 30 April 2021 for students

Our curriculum is based on developing our students' individual artistic personal responses to set themes. As such it is difficult to set formal and precise homework exercises. Nonetheless, we do expect Year 11 students to spend approximately an extra two hours per week outside of lesson time, working at home on drawings, research and investigations. Many already do this and more. Furthermore, the department staff stay in the art rooms on Mondays (A105), Tuesdays (A104) and Wednesdays (A101) after school and we would encourage your child to use these facilities.

I do hope that we can work together to ensure the best possible success in the forthcoming months. Please do not hesitate to telephone or email me, Mrs Watson or Mr Woodhead at school if you would like to discuss these issues further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Bramley', written in a cursive style.

Miss R Bramley  
Head of Art