

26 June 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

**RE: GCSE Art / Photography Mock Exams**

I write to seek your support in monitoring the ongoing work and progress of your child in their GCSE Art / Photography course. Students are close to beginning their mock exams for Art and Photography. This is to provide the students with exam experience and prepare them for their real exams which will begin January, next year. The duration for mock and actual exam is 10 hours long. This is split over two days. Students will have break and lunch as normal however, they will attend Art / Photography periods 1-5 on those days.

During the mock exam students should develop personal responses to their Component 1 (portfolio) body of work. This is to ensure that all Component 1 work is largely completed by January 2024. Students will begin their actual exam preparation in January ready for their exam which will take place during late spring/early summer term. After their exam students may then refine component 1 work, should they need to.

The dates for the Mock exams are as follows:

- Tuesday 4 July Week A: Year 10 Group 10D/AR1, Art Mock, 5 hours day 1
- Tuesday 4 July Week A: Year 10 Group 10C/K01, Photography Mock, 5 hours day 1
- Monday 10 July Week B: Year 10 Group 10B/K01, Photography Mock, 5 hours day 1
  
- Tuesday 11 July Week B: Year 10 Group 10D/AR1, Art Mock, 5 hours day 2
- Tuesday 11 July Week B: Year 10 Group 10C/K01, Photography Mock, 5 hours day 2
- Monday 17 July Week A: Year 10 Group 10B/K01, Photography Mock, 5 hours day 2

The Art / Photography studio is open every lunchtime and Monday to Thursday after school. We actively encourage students to attend some of these sessions. We thank you for your continued support with this.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E L Appleby  
Head of Art and Photography