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Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE Art Update

I am writing to update you on important information we have had regarding the exam unit for GCSE Art and Design.

Our exam board AQA have confirmed that the exam unit worth 40% of your child's GCSE has been **cancelled**. The coursework unit they have been working on since Spring 2021 will now make up **100%** of their GCSE mark.

Our GCSE art teachers have informed all classes of this information, and we have explained to students what will happen regarding submission of this unit.

For your information

All students will be working to their original hand in deadline for the coursework unit. This will be the last lesson they have with their class teacher before we break up for the Christmas holidays. In this lesson they will hand in their sketchbooks, final outcomes and any additional work they have produced to date.

When we return in January until **April 8th** all students will produce studio pieces to go alongside their coursework unit. **They will need to source/buy/bring at least 6 surfaces on which to work** – this could be canvass, board, card etc.

Students will have 2 weeks to produce an outcome before they move onto the next studio piece. Every 2 weeks these additional outcomes will be added to their coursework unit which will be stored securely in school.

Students are free to work on additional pages for their sketchbooks at home should they choose to, and these can be added in up until the April deadline.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to email me directly at eobrien@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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