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EOB/Yr11 Art Deadline



Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE Art and Design Coursework – Deadline

I just wanted to write to keep you up to date with the progress of the GCSE Art Coursework Unit that your son/daughter is currently working on in lesson and at home.

They will need to complete their sketchbook and have an outcome produced by the last week of Term 2 before we finish for the Christmas break. At the end of term and after their mock exams, all work will be taken in and marked before being moderated in the summer.

This gives them only **7 weeks** after we return from the half term break to complete their project. As you know this project is **worth 60% of their final grade**. The other 40% comes from their Externally Set Assessment which they will start at the beginning of Term 3.

It is imperative that your son/daughter feels that they are in a good position with regards to their coursework by the time we return from half term. They may want to take some time over the break to dedicate to finishing anything outstanding in their folders.

Below, is a plan of the kind of work which ought to have been completed already and has been discussed in class on numerous occasions.

We are suggesting that, as a rule (every project will differ slightly), they should have:

- 1) studied at least 2-3 artists to give them ideas and inspiration.
- 2) created at least 2 sets of photographs to work from and
- 3) produced at least 6 observational drawings.
- 4) been developing these pieces of work, using a variety of different materials and media they have learnt over the course of their GCSE.
- 5) aimed to create designs and compositions for their final piece which we will be starting after the half term break.

Please could I ask for your support in encouraging your son/daughter to complete as much work as possible in the weeks leading up to the end of Term 2 and make sure they spend time during the half term break working on their project.

In Term 2 we will be focusing our class time on producing final outcomes for this coursework unit. Your son/daughter may also need to source a canvass and any paints/specific materials they may need over the half term break.

It would also be wonderful if you went through their sketchbook with them in the next couple of weeks and discussed their ideas for an outcome for their coursework.



Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information on EObrien@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EO'Brien', with a horizontal line underneath.

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