

Our Ref: EJW/kmd/Y11/gcsefinalprep

8 April 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: GCSE Art & Design 2025

Please find below details regarding the final elements of the GCSE Art & Design course:

Unit 2: Set task Practical Exam (40%)

Students have a support booklet for this unit which outlines details of the assessment criteria, a 'Tip sheet' for the 10-hour exam, a checklist to success and a help sheet for the final plan.

Set Task Practical Exam: Weds, 30th and Thurs, 1st May (10%)

We have been working in class to prepare for the GCSE exam starting on Wednesday, 30 April all day and continuing on Thursday, 1st May 2025.

Easter Exam preparation: Due in Tuesday, 29th April

In preparation for the exam students should be working hard over the Easter break and dedicate time to complete the testing of the coloured plan for the 10-hour final piece. They will test out the design fully and then mount up the design work, with additional elements, onto a planning board. This task will be set on Satchel. Students can borrow any materials and equipment that they need and everyone has an A2 folder to carry the work home for the Easter break.

Art Support Club and Catch Up Session

The final Art afterschool club will be on Tuesday, 29th April, a 2-hour session from 3:15 - 5:15pm. This will allow students make any final preparations they need, mount and present their folder/sketchbook and complete any catch up work.

Final Deadline 30% exam preparation: Wednesday, 30th April

The final deadline for all their exam preparation work that we have been working on since January is at the beginning of the first exam at 9:15am on Wednesday, 30th April. After this date all work remains in the classroom and it is officially handed in.

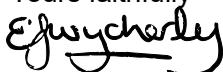
Exam brunch Weds, 30th April: Breaktime in Art

I would like to invite the students to join me for a brunch at break time on Wednesday, 30th April to celebrate the start of the exam. If students want to do this, please can you make the payment on ParentPay and I will put in individual orders.

On the second day they can also have a piece of fruit, including a banana. Bananas, as you are aware, are a great source of potassium and gives your brain the healthy, natural, low GI sugar that it needs during exam time. Plus, bananas also literally make you happy as they contain high levels of tryptophan, an amino acid, which is converted into serotonin in your body!

Many thanks for all your support so far and for your continued support over Easter and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Emma Wycherley

Head of Art & Design

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