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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Art & Design GCSE Exam**

I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding the GCSE Art and Design final examination for our Year 11 students.

To support the marking and moderation process required this year, we have brought the final exam forward by one week. The exam will now take place ALL DAY on:

- Monday 27th April
- Tuesday 28th April

Immediately following the exam, Mrs Bell and I will be marking the work and students will then receive their provisional grades the following week for the purpose of the official appeals window. Should any student wish to appeal, Mrs Bell (Head of Department) will personally review the grade and ensure all work has been fairly assessed.

Due to the final exam being brought forward we want to ensure students do not lose any valuable preparation time. To make this possible the following actions will take place:

- Mrs Wycherley to be released from normal timetabled lessons on the previous Thursday and Friday (periods 3, 4 and 5) to enable focused support for students.
- **11G/Ar** will be off timetable periods 3, 4 and 5 on Thursday, 23 April.
- **11I/Ar** will be off timetable periods 3, 4 and 5 on Friday, 24 April.
- Students will be given dedicated opportunities during this time to prepare, ensuring they regain the hours affected by bringing the exam forward.

I am also offering another two-hour after-school revision session on Thursday, 22 April 2026, giving students an additional opportunity to work on their Final Design Plan for the 10-hour practical exam.

We understand the importance of this final exam and are committed to supporting every student through the process. These arrangements have been put in place to maintain fairness, provide continuity and ensure students feel confident and fully prepared.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs E Wycherley**

Head of Art

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