

14 October 2010

Dear Parent

Extended Practical Sessions for Year 11 GCSE Art pupils – November 2010

As you may already be aware, we recently conducted an internal assessment of your son or daughter's GCSE Art coursework (Unit 1: 'Portraiture') according to AQA marking criteria. The purpose of this assessment was to give pupils a clear indication of their current performance and to provide them with personalised targets for improvement.

We are keen for pupils to achieve the best of their ability with the coursework element as it accounts for 60% of the final GCSE grade, and will be marking this unit again in January 2011. Pupils therefore have the opportunity to develop their work and are welcome to come and work in the department during lunchtime clinics on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

We appreciate that GCSE Art and Design is naturally a time consuming and demanding course and are therefore pleased to be able to offer all our Year 11 GCSE pupils the opportunity to participate in two optional extended practical sessions in the Art Department this term:

Saturday 13 November, 10am – 4pm

Sunday 28 November, 10am – 4pm

During these sessions, pupils will be able to develop and improve their 'Portraiture' projects under the supervision of Art Department staff.

We hope that these additional sessions will prove helpful and thank you in advance for encouraging your son or daughter to take up this valuable opportunity.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Art and Design