



St Benedict's

Catholic High School, Alcester

17 January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 11 GCSE Art Update

We discussed the next stages of the GCSE Art course with you at parents' evening and here in this letter are the key dates for you and your son/daughter. We ask for your support during the last leg of this course to give each pupil the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

10 January: The Externally Set Assignment given out.

27 February: Pupils hand in coursework for final assessment.

23 April-27 April: 10 hours supervised time to complete the ESA (as set in school calendar).

Over the following weeks we will review coursework with each pupil individually. This will give them the opportunity to finish and enhance their portfolio before it is given in for final assessment which constitutes 60% of this GCSE grade.

In lessons pupils will now be working on the Externally Set Assignment only but until February half term can utilise homework for their coursework if needed.

All pupils should spend at least 2 hours a week on art homework until the course finishes after the supervised time. Homework will be different for every pupil and by and large self-directed but each week we will check what they have completed.

The Wednesday GCSE support sessions continue; lunchtime in room 25 with Mrs Clutterbuck and after school in S1 with Mrs Sylvester until 5.00 pm.

Pupils have now been given new sketchbooks for their ESA preparation. Please can these be paid for on ParentPay or by cash or cheque through the Finance Office. Also we expect pupils to use their art folder to carry sketchbooks and work to and from school every lesson.

The actual times for the supervised session, which will be during the school day, will be set closer to the week. These will be made known to you, along with the procedure, before the Easter break.



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For our records please complete and return the reply slip, via your son/daughter, as soon as possible to Art Department staff.

If you would like to discuss further any of the above do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Sylvester
Head of Art

Mrs H Clutterbuck

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Please return to: Mrs Sylvester or Mrs Clutterbuck

Name..... Form..... Date.....

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