

23 March 2021

Re: GCSE Fine Art

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see all of the students back in school! My Year 10 artists are currently working on A2 canvases and painting crystals which will provide the final piece for their first coursework unit. Progress on these canvases has been great.

During the period of 'Lockdown' the work set each lesson comprised preparation work for this final piece painting. I have collected in all of the students' books and have provided a checklist for each student that highlights work that has been completed and identifies any outstanding pieces of work. I will also provide each student with a pack of resources that link to any work needing completion alongside the tasks and resources that exist on 'TEAMS'.

I am advising students that it would be extremely beneficial for them to complete this coursework unit by following the advice given on the checklist, using the Easter break. Students work provides all of the evidence for each assessment objective that will be marked for their GCSE grade. After Easter, we will start the second coursework unit. This will also provide evidence for each assessment objective that will be marked for their GCSE grade. It is not essential that students submit two coursework units, but I have found that spreading the marks over two units is very beneficial when providing evidence for each objective. Therefore, I am recommending that students complete the work for Unit 1 wherever possible. Where this is not possible, it will be extremely important that students are fully engaged with the second unit after Easter and complete all work set for this unit as this students will be relying on their marks being awarded from one unit instead of two.

To conclude, I am recommending that students complete the work for Unit 1 wherever possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or have questions.

Yours Sincerely,



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Head of Art and design