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Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE Art – Awarding in Summer 2022

We would like to update you on the plan for awarding GCSE Art, Summer 2022. Ofqual have made the decision that students will not be required to complete an exam and a coursework portfolio this academic year. Grades will instead be based solely on students' coursework portfolios which will be internally marked and externally moderated by the awarding body, Pearson.

Students have been informed of the planned timetable for their current topic work, this is on display in the art room for their reference and timely reminders will be given in class. Students will complete research, investigative and development work; exploring the topic fully using different mediums. This plan culminates in two preparation weeks prior to the Easter break, whereupon students will be given time in lessons to plan their final piece.

In the first week back after the Easter break (week commencing 25th April), the Academy has allocated two full days for students to work in the Art room with their teachers to produce and complete their final piece. Final portfolios will comprise research, investigative and developmental work and the final piece.

In addition to their normal lessons, students are being provided with the opportunity to work in the Art room every lunchtime and after school on Wednesdays. Students are also expected to work on their portfolios in their own time.

Students' predicted grades have been externally moderated and we are confident that these reflect the student's achievements at this time. The predicted grade is not a fixed expectation and we anticipate some students will progress these grades from now through to the final assessment.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Hart
Assistant Headteacher

