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Dear Parent/Carer

### GCSE ART EXTERNALLY SET ASSIGNMENT

I have attached a scanned copy of the exam paper for your son/daughter's GCSE Art externally set assignment. This is worth 40% of the final GCSE grade. Pupils must choose one question and will have 10 school weeks, one week at half term and two weeks at Easter to complete a sketchbook of preparatory work. Homework will be set each week. The preparatory work should consist of:

- Drawings/collages/photographs/annotations around the chosen question using both primary and secondary sources
- Artist/culture research
- A gallery or museum visit (optional)
- Initial ideas for a final piece
- Final idea

Pupils will then sit a ten-hour exam across two days in the art rooms. In this time, they will complete their final piece in exam conditions. There are extra sessions to support pupils with their externally set assignment every lunchtime and after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3.05pm- 4pm.

In addition, the department will be holding 3 twilight sessions from 3.05pm-5pm on Tuesday 22 January, Wednesday 13 February and Wednesday 27 March. Permission letters will be sent nearer the time.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ **Final GCSE exam week beginning 22 April 2019. All preparation work will need to be handed in at the start of the exam.**
- ❖ **The final deadline for all GCSE coursework is week beginning 6 May 2019 but there will now be no time in school to work on this.**
- ❖ **The Art Exhibition private view is on Thursday 20 June 2019 6pm-8pm. Please save the date!**

Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding your son/daughters GCSE Art.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

J Moss  
Head of Teaching & Learning/ Creative Arts

