



6 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: A-level Art and Photography Externally Set Assignment (ESA) Information and Easter Sessions**

Our A-level students have now handed in their coursework, worth 60%, and have started with their final component, the Externally Set Assignment (ESA) which is worth 40%. The ESA is a much shorter project than the coursework, and as such deadlines are much tighter. The ESA has been running since the 1 of February and will culminate in a fifteen hour practical exam that runs across 9, 10 and 12 May. After this point students will no longer be permitted to work on their ESA, and their A-level in Art and Photography will be finished.

As the ESA has such a short turn-around for completing work, the Art department would like to encourage all year 13 Art and Photography students to utilise the lunchtime and afterschool catch-up clubs that we run in order to ensure all work is completed on time. These run Monday to Friday lunchtimes and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 4.30pm every week. We would also like to invite students to attend the following ESA catch-up session that we are running in the Easter break:

- Monday 3 April 9.15am to 12.15pm
- Tuesday 4 April 9.15am to 2.45pm (run as 2 sessions – AM & PM)
- Tuesday 11 April 9.15am to 12.15pm

Students will need to bring their lunch and drinks to the session, as there will not be any school catering available on the day.

Students will be able to access the school site via the pedestrian gates, however the gates will only be open to enter or exit at the following times: 9.15am, 11.45am, 12.15pm and 2.45pm. Students will need to ensure they arrive at the school gate at the appropriate time in order to gain access to the school site.

Please return the enclosed reply slip to confirm your child's attendance to one, or all, of the Easter sessions.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us at [aashby@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:aashby@st-martins.essex.sch.uk) or [hlee@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:hlee@st-martins.essex.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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**Joint Heads of Art**

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**Reply Slip:**

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**A-level Art/Photography ESA Catch-up – Easter Sessions 2023**

Student Name:.....

Form:.....

The above named student **will** be attending the Art/Photography A-level ESA catch-up on:

- Monday 3 April – 9.15am to 12.15pm Yes/No
- Tuesday 4 April – AM session 9.15am to 12.15pm Yes/No
- Tuesday 4 April – PM session 12.15pm to 2.45pm Yes/No
- Tuesday 11 April – 9.15am to 12.15pm Yes/No

Parent/Guardian Signature.....

**\*\*\*\*\*Please return to the Art Department by Thursday 30 March\*\*\*\*\***