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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Re: GCSE Art and Design Exam Unit - Easter and Weekend Sessions

Students are coming towards the end of their final component for GCSE Art, the Externally Set Assignment (ESA). This project was started in January and will culminate in a 10 hour practical exam for students to complete their final piece, which takes place on the 1 and 2 May 2024. After this date, students will have finished all parts of their GCSE Art and have no more work to complete.

As the ESA has such a short turn-around for completing work, the Art department would like to encourage all Year 11 Art 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 afterschool until 4.30pm every week for students to work on their ESA.

We would also like to invite students to attend the following ESA catch-up sessions that we are running in the Easter break and in the final weekend before the exam:

- Tuesday 2 April 9.00am to 1.00pm
- Thursday 11 April 9.00am to 1.00pm
- Saturday 27 April 9.00am to 1.00pm

Students need to bring any necessary food and drinks to these sessions, as there will not be school catering available on the day. They should wear comfy non-uniform clothes and are allowed to bring their phone, music and headphones if desired. Please note that students will not be permitted to wander around the school site during the sessions and should remain in the art block for the session.

Please return the reply slip below to the Art Office to confirm your child's attendance.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us during school hours.

Yours sincerely

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Reply	Slip:

## Art GCSE ESA Catch-up – Easter and Saturday Sessions 2024

Student Name:	
Form:	
The above named student <b>will/will not</b> be attending the Art GCSE sessions on:	ESA catch-up
<ul> <li>Tuesday 2 April – 9.00am to 1.00pm</li> <li>Thursday 11 April – 9.00am to 1.00pm</li> <li>Saturday 27 April – 9.00am to 1.00pm</li> </ul>	Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No
Parent/Carer Name:	
Signature	

\*\*\*\*\*\*Please return to the Art Department by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March\*\*\*\*\*\*