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Dear Parent/Carer,

Art Materials – Y10 GCSE Fine Art Course.

As a GCSE Art student your son / daughter will complete three major projects with many components over the two-year course and a final exam project. Over the course students will use one large A3 sketchbook and two A4 sketchbooks.

In order that we may spend the bulk of our budget on good quality art materials for use in lessons I would like to ask that, if at all possible, students make a one-off payment of £7 to cover the cost of their book (£4) and a A3 carry folder (£3). All other materials will be provided, with the exception of some specialist materials, prices which can be discussed as and when needed during the period of the course.

Each year we are asked by our GCSE students if we can provide materials for their use when completing Art tasks for homework. We are aware that art materials can be expensive in the shops and we try to support them by buying in and selling at cost price the key materials that students will find useful on the course. We will be giving students the opportunity to purchase a range of materials from us, details and a letter will follow shortly in regard to this.

Your contribution (of £7 in total) can be paid directly via the online system Arbor.

Yours sincerely

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