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Dear Families

A Level Life Drawing Class

I am writing to invite your child to attend an exciting opportunity on **Tuesday 9 January 2024**. We have the pleasure of having professional life drawing model Helen Saunders to model for our A Level fine art students. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their drawing skills and enhance their portfolios, therefore improving their chances of success in the subject.

The life model has worked at many other schools, colleges and other establishments and comes highly recommended.

"She is a fantastic model, who can instinctively create beautiful poses and also respond to student themes. I cannot recommend her highly enough!" Head of Art, Woldingham School.

"I've been working with Helen for about 5 years now and I can confirm that she is an excellent life model. She is professional, reliable, flexible and very easy to work with. She also has a very good manner with the students, which helps to put them at ease if they find the idea of life drawing anxiety inducing." Head of Art, Tonbridge School.

The plan for the session is that students meet Ms Buckley and I outside the F04 art room at 3:20pm on the date above. The session will begin at 3:30 and go on till 5:30pm. Students will be led by both teachers throughout the session and shown different approaches to drawing the model with a variety of different materials and poses.

If at any point students need a break or fresh air they are welcome to leave when they wish. Both myself and Ms Buckley will be with the students for the entire session and be on hand for any assistance needed.

Please could you fill out the Google form [HERE](#) to let us know if you are happy for your child to attend the session, and whether they will be picked up from school or make their own way home?

This is very much an optional extra curricular opportunity and students will not be disadvantaged with their course work if they do not attend. We really hope that the students take this opportunity to develop their drawing skills and hopefully aid their progress in the subject. Life drawing is an excellent skill to have and students invariably get a lot from the experience. This is also excellent practice for anyone planning to take art on to university or other higher education.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact with me should you wish to discuss anything about this opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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