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Dear Families

Art GCSE Saturday Sessions

As you will know from my previous letter the year 11 art students final exam is scheduled for the end of March, just before the Easter holiday. The students will embark on three days of intense artwork to produce their final pieces for their externally set exam project set by AQA, which makes up 40% of their final GCSE grade.

A reminder that the exam days are Tuesday 28 (prep day), Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 March 2023.

In order to prepare students further for this I will be offering two Saturday catch up and preparation sessions on **Saturday 11 and Saturday 18 March**. Students are welcome to come in for these Saturday's between 11.00am and 1.00pm to complete artwork leading up to their exam.

In order to gauge how many students we should expect and give permission, could you please fill out the consent form [HERE](#).

Students should enter the school through the side entrance by the staff car park (in between music and the sixth form centre) and walk through to the art rooms F01 and F02. They will sign in with me in F02 and have two hours to complete any work they need to ensure they are up to date and prepped for making their final piece at the end of the month. These should prove to be invaluable sessions where they can complete work over a sustained period of time outside of school hours and have the help and guidance of staff and access to all the art materials.

Students should ideally bring lunch, snacks and a drink with them as there will be no opportunity to purchase food during the day whilst in school.

Students are more than welcome to attend one or both sessions, if they feel this would be beneficial. After the exam is completed on Thursday 30 March, all work for their exam project will need to be handed in and there will be no opportunity for them to work on this again, as per the exam rules for art exams.

If students opt to attend they will have the chance to do practical work such as clay, painting, photography, printing (including lino, mono and etching) as well as the use of the computers if needed.

I hope this will give the students a chance to further progress in their exam project and achieve the grades they are capable of.

If you have any further questions about the Saturday sessions, then please do not hesitate to contact me at sstirling@mysackville.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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