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Dear Families

## GCSE Art Exam Information Evening

I am writing to invite you to an information evening at school regarding the Year 11 final GCSE exam. This will take place between **4.30pm – 5.30pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024 in the F04 art room.**

The information evening will be the chance for both students and parents to ask any questions prior to the exam and at the start of the exam project, and make sure they know exactly what is expected of them in the months leading up to the exam dates. Students will be given their exam paper on Thursday 4 January 2024 and will have from the start of January till mid April to research, draw, photograph and plan for their final piece. The work created from January through to the final exam equates to 40% of their overall final grade.

As you will have seen from my previous letter, the dates for the final exam are 16 (prep day), 17, 18 April 2024. As with the most recent mock exam students are expected to do the following:

- Be prepared with a thorough plan prior to the exam starting. This includes research, sketches, colour choices, photos and any other prep needed for their final piece.
- Students' ideas must be their own and not copied from another piece of artwork. Students can use images online for inspiration, but not to completely copy from. Ideally (where possible) any photographs used should be taken by students themselves.
- Arrive on time for the exam. This is usually 10-15 minutes before the exam starts, giving students time to set up and prepare colour palettes, materials and spaces.
- Arrive promptly after break and lunch times.
- Like with all exams, do not talk, use headphones or mobiles.
- Raise your hand if you need to ask the teacher or invigilator a question.
- All prep work to be brought in on the first day of the exam. This cannot then be taken home and must be handed in before the ten hour exam begins.
- Unlike with the mock exam, students have a prep day prior to the exam starting which means they can utilise the teachers help and ensure they are fully prepared for the exam days.
- Unlike with previous mock exams, once the exam is over students cannot work on their final piece or sketchbook again.

**If you are able to attend the GCSE Art exam information evening please fill out this Google Form [here](#) so we can get an idea of numbers.**

Yours sincerely

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