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Dear Families

Mock Art Exam Deadlines

I am writing to you regarding some important upcoming events for all year 11 art students. As you may already know, year 11 will be completing a two day (10 hour) mock art exam on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 December 2023. The idea behind the two day exam is that students have the opportunity to create a sustained piece of artwork that shows developed ideas, and refinement of technical skills linked to their surreal and distorted portraiture project. Students will complete the work outside of their sketchbook and can use any materials they choose. They should have practised using this material prior to the exam to ensure they know what they are doing. Their pieces can be 3D or 2D and on canvas, cardboard, wood, stretched paper or fabric.

The mock exam will not signify the end of the project, as they will have till **Thursday 4 January 2024** to hand this in. Thursday 4 January 2024 signifies the end of their coursework and they will be given their externally set exam paper from AQA that day. The exam project will last from January through to Easter where they will complete their official final art exam. The mock exam will also be really good practice for their final exam next year.

Leading up to their mock exam, students will need to spend not only their two hours of lesson time, but at least two hours of their own time preparing. Students know that the art rooms are free to use most breaks, lunches and after school. They should always check in with an art teacher first before using a classroom. Students have also been given checklists and booklets, as well as access to resources on Google Classroom to help them. With the addition of sketchbooks this year, students should really be taking extra special care of presenting their ideas and work in their books and taking them home after each lesson. Students must not forget their sketchbooks for lessons as this is a vital part of the lead up to the mock exam.

I would also like to make you aware that we will be taking the year 11 art students to the Tate Modern in February 2024 as part of their upcoming externally set exam project starting in January 2024. All students will be expected to attend as this is a key part of the project allowing them to draw from a wide variety of artwork in the flesh. Students will be expected to bring their books with them on the visit along with a series of drawing materials. They will need to be in school uniform and have a packed lunch with them. There will be a separate letter sent home at the start of January with all of the details, costs and timings of the trip.

Mock art exam - Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 December 2023 (all day)

Final coursework deadline - Thursday 4 January 2024 (am)

Externally set exam project begins - Thursday 4 January 2024

Tate Modern visit - Friday 2 February 2024 (all day)

If you have any questions regarding the mock exam, exam project or upcoming art trip then please do not hesitate to contact me at sstirling@mysackville.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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