



The Sixth Form

March 2024

Dear Year 13 Art Parents and Carers

A Level Art Easter Holidays Booster Days **Tuesday 2nd April Beaminster Site, Friday 12th April Colfox Site**

A-Level Art booster day sessions will be running at both Beaminster and Colfox during the Easter Holidays:

Tuesday 2nd April	9am–3pm	Beaminster School
Friday 12th April	10am – 3pm	Colfox Academy

We would strongly encourage students to attend as these days are a fantastic opportunity for them to 'get stuck in' and generate a real volume of work over a sustained period of time.

The Art exam is worth 40% of the overall Art grade so it is really important that the exam preparation work shows a real journey from that initial starting point to the final stages of planning, so that the student is ready to produce a final piece during the exam 3-day experience that they are truly proud of!

Indeed, sketchbooks (and out of sketchbook work) need to include evidence relating to 3 of the assessment objectives:

- 1) **Research and investigations** which can take the form of artists' copies and analysis of artists' images using writing prompts.
- 2) **Exploring ideas and experimenting with materials.** This involves producing 'own versions' and planning pages which show ideas for personal work and the final piece.
- 3) **Recording ideas through annotation, drawing** using different techniques, gathering and working from imagery relating to their starting theme.

We understand how much pressure there is in Year 13 and indeed how challenging it can be for students to complete their practical work at home, so an uninterrupted day in the Art department would be a great opportunity for them to access materials, work amongst their peers and access support from us.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drink with them as the Canteen will not be open.

Please confirm by email as soon as possible, and before the end of term at the latest, if your son/daughter will be attending either, or both, or these days and giving your consent for them to do so, including any medical or other issues we may need to be aware of on the day: LHawkins@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

A copy of the 'timeline' is also attached, which students have already been provided a copy of.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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