

5 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 GCSE Art & Textiles Trial Examination - Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 December 2025

The Year 11 GCSE Art & Textiles trial examination will be taking place on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 December. Students need to **go straight to their Art/Textiles classroom at 8.35am** on both days and not to their form room. They must come prepared with their sketchbook, canvas/board/paper/corsets and all their A2 sheets.

Any student who does not have their preparatory work (sketchbook work and A2 sheets for the current project) with them at the start of the examination, will be unable to submit their work for assessment as part of the trial examination. The preparatory work equates to 75% of the overall grade and it is imperative work is completed, refined and handed in on the first day of the examination. It is an exam board requirement that preparatory work is handed in **before** the examination.

Between now and their trial examination, students must purchase their canvas/paper/cardboard/corset or anything they are working on for the final piece and then use their Art lesson time to prepare their pieces. Students have been advised and also provided with the equipment list attached.

All preparatory work for this project will be marked alongside the final piece to determine their trial examination mark. After the work has been marked and feedback given to the students, they will have time to refine and complete any outstanding work. It is this refined work that will be submitted in January and assessed for their actual GCSE mark for submission to the exam board.

This trial examination provides students with experience of working under timed conditions, a chance to produce a sustained outcome and develop their confidence when working on a larger scale. It is also an opportunity to get feedback on the work they will submit for final assessment in April. If students have any questions regarding the trial examination, please encourage them to speak to their Art teacher in their next lesson.

Extra Time Arrangements:

For students who are entitled to extra time (these arrangements should already have been organised with Curriculum Support), they are eligible to receive an additional 2 hours 30 minutes during the trial examination. Should they wish to use this extra time, the following schedule will apply:

- **Tuesday 2 December:** 30 minutes during lunchtime and 90 minutes after school (until 4.50pm). Please note that if your child normally takes the bus home from school, alternative transport arrangements will need to be made for the later finishing time.
- **Wednesday 3 December:** 30 minutes during lunchtime.

Please ensure that your child is aware of these additional time provisions and inform us if they wish to use them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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Students must come to the following rooms at **8.35am on Tuesday 2 December** to set up and register.
Lateness may result in not being able to sit the examination.

Mrs Miah's class = AR1
Mrs Jones' class = AR2
Mrs Diegnan's class = DT6

Your examination is 2 days long (10 hours). On the first day you must bring in the following:

1. A2 study sheets - *observational page, development of ideas, final ideas and any additional pages.*
2. Sketchbook with all work completed and refined.
3. Canvas/board/paper/corset for final piece.
4. **Good quality coloured primary image at least A4 size to work from.**
5. Drawing materials e.g. pens, pencils, (paint and brushes if you have any, or you can use ours).
6. Apron or old shirt to protect uniform.
7. If you plan to work on the floor, bring an old cushion!
8. Plenty of water.

Please remember all A2 study sheets, maquettes and sketchbooks need to be handed in on **Tuesday 2 December**. The final piece will need to be submitted for assessment at the end of the examination. Without the relevant materials, you may be asked to go home and collect them before sitting the examination!