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Dear Parents /Carers

As we embark on a new and exciting phase of the GCSE Art course, I am pleased to update you on the progress and upcoming plans for our students in Art. We have just concluded our workshop project, which has been a fantastic journey of creativity and learning. Now, we are gearing up to start Project 1, a significant component of the GCSE coursework.

At Harris, we stress the importance of meeting coursework deadlines, a principle underscored during our Options Evening. For students in Key Stage 4, it's imperative to dedicate a minimum of 1 hour per week to coursework assigned in class. This often involves computer-based research or, more frequently, artwork. We discussed how a substantial part of the art coursework needs to be completed at home. To facilitate this, an equipment list has been uploaded to Satchel. While acquiring these items is not mandatory, having them will greatly assist and support students in effectively working on their coursework at home. Adhering to these deadlines is crucial, as it fosters essential skills in time management and workload organization.

To support students with their homework and coursework, the Art department offers assistance on Tuesday and Wednesday after school from 3.30pm to 4.45pm, as well as on Monday lunchtime from 1.20pm to 1.50pm. These sessions are specifically designed to accommodate students who may require extra support, lack space or resources at home, or simply wish to further improve the work they are already producing in class and at home.

We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child completes their homework assignments. Additionally, please make the necessary arrangements to ensure your child can safely return home after attending the after-school support sessions. Enclosed with this letter, you will find a checklist of the deadlines for Project 1. This checklist is a valuable tool to help track your child's progress and ensure they are meeting the necessary milestones on time. Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated, as it plays a crucial role in your child's academic success and well-being.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Finnemore (Head of Art)



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