



Lancaster Girls' Grammar School

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GCSE Art Materials

Dear Parents

I am delighted that your daughter has chosen to study Art at GCSE and I hope she will enjoy the Art GCSE course.

The AQA Art course is made up of a number of small projects, which combine into two coursework portfolios, to be submitted at the end of Year 11. The final part of the course will be the Controlled Assignment Examination which starts in January in Year 11. Your daughter will then receive an Exam paper from the AQA Board and on this paper choose a theme and develop a set of coursework. She will need to do a 10 hour examination over a number of days where she will complete a final piece based on her exam research.

During the course, the students will gain confidence in painting and drawing techniques, while further developing their skills in digital photography, mixed-media techniques and three-dimensional forms. This will involve them using a wide range of materials, resulting in high quality, individualised pieces of art work.

GCSE Art students benefit greatly from having a sketchbook and a set of specialist brushes which they can use both at home and school. We have been able to buy these in bulk and negotiate considerable savings on what these would cost on the high street. We are asking for a contribution of £15 for the sketchbook and brushes for each student. As your daughter will have considerable freedom in terms of her projects, we may need to ask for a further contribution if she chooses to produce something which requires specialist, more expensive materials.

Thank you for your support and I am confident that you will feel very proud of your daughter when you see her work in the GCSE final exhibition evening.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Campbell

Head of Art

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Student Name: _____ Form: _____

I enclose my contribution of £15 for my daughter's GCSE Art materials.

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

Name: _____ Date: _____