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Dear Parents/Guardians

REGISTERED AFTERSCHOOL ART

The time constraints and academic pressures are ever growing on the students at BWS. I am acutely aware that this is impacting the time they have for Art, in some cases severely already! There is a direct correlation between time spent on Art and high levels of attainment. Art is a sustained pathway that requires students to demonstrate consistent high quality of investigation to achieve aspirational levels.

With this in mind I am arranging for there to be two registered support classes for all GCSE Art students to attend. The boys who took advantage of these last year saw clear progression and were able to use this time to supplement the work they were already doing at home. I strongly advise that GCSE Art students take this opportunity to develop and realise their practice and make every effort to attend both sessions. This will nearly double the contact time I have with the students each week to advise, support and teach them. Sessions will start in the first week after half term:

Monday: 12.00 - 12.50 Art 2

Tuesday: 15.50 - 16.50 Art 2

Students should be working 3-4 hours a week outside of directed time on their projects, setting their own homework to support their intentions. I have set up live feedback and mark sheets on the school remote desktop and these can be accessed by the students via the O drive – ART ASSESSMENT – YEAR 11 – Students name. Your son can only see their own marks and feedback to ensure confidentiality.

I would appreciate your support in galvanising your son and ensuring they are making the most of the little time they now have left to realise projects and their potential. As always should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Podger
Head of Art