



# Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 11 Art and Design and Photography Coursework Project

Year 11 Art and Design and Photography students are now working on their **main coursework project**. This project will represent the majority of their **coursework portfolio**, which accounts for 60% of their final GCSE grade. They will also include their **mini coursework project** from the end of Year 10, which they may have improved over the summer. By now, all students should have handed in their Year 10 mini coursework project to their teachers. Not only does this ensure that it is kept safely at school, but we will also need this work to assess and forecast for target reports this term. If you find any of your child's work at home, we would be grateful if this could be delivered to school as soon as possible.

Students have chosen a starting point for their main project. This was given to them in the first week of this term in a handout, which also includes all lessons and home learning to be completed during the next two terms. The handout should be stuck into their books or inserted in their folders.

Students gain marks for coursework and the exam through their Art and Design and Photography **projects**, by covering four assessment objects. The students are allowed 10 weeks of preparation time, leading to their final outcome, which they create in 10 hours of supervised time under exam conditions. All supervised sessions will take place in the Art department, so that students have full access to the facilities and materials they need to work with. All their work will be marked together to produce their final grade. Therefore, it is important that they understand how to create and present their preparation work and to plan and prepare for their final outcome.

Currently, students are using their class and home learning to create their **preparation work**, which will help them to decide on their final outcome. Students will have purchased a sketchbook or folder to present their preparation work. Using the assessment objectives, they will need to demonstrate the inspiration for their idea, how they developed it, record their thoughts and observations, as well as plan for creating their final outcome in the 10 hours of supervised sessions. Teachers will provide regular feedback and advice before the supervised sessions.

All students are also expected to work at least one hour outside of lessons in order to use their time effectively and respond to our advice. The Art department is open during lunchtimes and we offer regular after school sessions for students to use our facilities and equipment. They are also able to arrange a time to discuss their work with their teacher for feedback and guidance. Many students use this opportunity to their advantage, often improving their grades just by completing extra work in these sessions.

We would like all students to find the time to attend at least one lunchtime or after school session per week over the next two terms. Any student who we feel is not making good use of their time outside of lessons or not completing regular home learning will be asked to attend catch-up sessions. In such cases, we will be in contact with those students personally in the next few weeks.

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Students will be given the dates of their 10-hours of supervised sessions in the next few weeks. They will spend a full day off timetable for a full 5-hour session; the remaining 5 hours will take place in their Art or Photography lessons during the following two weeks.

Although their teachers will be supervising the assessments, they will only be able to provide technical support to students. Therefore, it is vital that students are fully prepared beforehand, as they will not be able to discuss work during the exam or use the internet. **All students must attend all supervised sessions to complete the 10 hours.**

Students will have completed their main project by the end of December. The result of this will also be used as a trial exam grade, which will be sent home during January. When they return in January, students will have a couple of weeks to work on another outcome for their coursework portfolio, which could be inspired by either their mini or main project theme. At the end of January they will start their final controlled test (exam), which accounts for 40% of their final GCSE grade. We will hold the controlled test after the Easter break. Marks for these units will not be discussed with students once their work has been handed in. They will use the last few weeks of lesson time in term 5 to revise for other exams.

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
<p><b>Main Project</b> September to December included in portfolio = <b>60% of final grade</b></p> <p><b>Controlled Test (exam)</b> January to May – <b>40% of final grade</b></p>	<p><b>Project choices</b> given out and preparation work started – four weeks of teacher led lessons followed by independent work developing ideas for a final outcome.</p> <p>Students are advised to attend extra after school or lunchtime sessions as well as their home learning, set each week. Home learning will be personal to their projects, but they are expected to show what has been completed once a week in a lesson.</p>			<p><b>10-hour supervised session:</b> 5 hours in a whole day session during December</p> <p><i>Dates to be confirmed</i></p> <p><i>All preparation work must be handed in at the start of the 10 hours</i></p>	<p><b>2 weeks</b> to create a new outcome for their coursework – students to mount up work ready for final coursework deadline on <b>Thursday 18 January</b></p>	<p><b>Controlled Test = 40% of final grade (exam)</b> 10 weeks preparation and 10 hours for final outcomes over two days. All preparation work must be handed in at the start of the 10 hours and will not be returned to add to during that period; students are allowed to view, but not to add to it.</p> <p>Deadlines for exam are on these sessions:  <b>11X ART Ms Dexter</b> – Tuesday 24 April and Tuesday 1 May – in AR4  <b>11Y ART Mrs Lewis</b> – Thursday 26 April and Thursday 3 May - in AR1  <b>11Y Art Ms Burchell</b> – Thursday 26 April and Thursday 3 May – in AR5  <b>11Y PHOTOGRAPHY Mr Ray</b> – Thursday 26 April and Thursday 3 May – in AR6  <b>11Z PHOTOGRAPHY Ms Dexter</b> – Thursday 26 April and Thursday 3 May – in AR4</p>			
Assessment	Verbal feedback given in lessons and written on assessment objectives sheets (AOs).			Marked and feedback sheet given in January	<u>CW</u> deadline <b>Thursday 18 January</b>	Regular teacher and self-assessment – improvements made for home learning. <b>Deadline for controlled test (exam) is the last session above.</b>			
Home learning	<b>1 hour a week.</b> Recommended to also attend one after school or lunchtime session a week to add to preparation work. Students not meeting the 1 hour a week minimum will need to attend catch up sessions after school with their teachers. Letters will be sent home to arrange the dates.								
Reporting			TARGET			SHORT	PARENTS' EVENING		

If you require any further information, please contact your son/daughter's Art and Design or Photography teacher.

Yours sincerely



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