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Dear Parent/Carer

## A Level Art and Fashion & Textiles Expectations

We would like to share with you a very successful first term of the A Level Art and Fashion & Textiles course. Your daughter has now completed the foundation element of the course and our students produced a broad range of high quality outcomes with great enthusiasm which we are very proud of. They explored working with paint, paper cutting, plaster and wax work, drawing, printmaking and weaving to name a few. We hope to continue this exciting and creative journey through the rest of the A Level course.

This term your daughter has started working on her A Level Art/Textiles coursework unit, the 'Personal Study' the theme for which has been chosen by your daughter after some discussion with her art/textiles teacher. This unit of work will run until this time next year with time during the summer mock exams to create a substantial final realisation and another supporting final realisation made at the end of the autumn term of Year 13. Time to write the essay will also be given in lesson time before we start on the externally set unit in February 2023. The Personal Study unit is worth 60% of your daughter's final grade.

Each week your daughter receives four x 1-hour lessons in the art department, and we also set homework which can be completed during her free study periods in school, in the art studios or at home. The expectation is that your daughter works on the tasks set each week for a minimum of 4 hours in that week. Your daughter will, on average, receive 10 hours a week of independent study time within the school day. The tasks are set on a Monday and due the following Monday. We have an open-door policy to enable students to work in an art/textiles base whenever required and to have access to specialist equipment and materials.

If your daughter is struggling to meet the weekly deadlines, we will support her by helping to organise her time more formally with the use of detentions or by identifying times for her to work in the department under teacher supervision.

Please encourage your daughter to attend all lessons to ensure your daughter has a greater chance of success. If your daughter is absent from a lesson for any reason, all lesson and homework tasks are posted to Teams for students to access.

We expect students to bring their sketchbooks to all lessons and to have any other equipment/source imagery ready printed for the lesson. Photocopying research and sources is a major element in the coursework so please ensure your daughter has her photocopy card (her lanyard) topped up via ParentPay to allow for this.

In September 2021, we sent out a letter requesting a one off studio fee which covers the cost of the sketchbooks and some of the specialist art equipment used through the year. Please can you check on ParentPay to see if the transaction has been processed? In addition, your daughter will also need access to some specialist art/textiles equipment at home for independent tasks to be completed.

I look forward to being a part of your daughter's A Level Art and Textiles journey. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further please contact me via email [pippa.billingsley@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk](mailto:pippa.billingsley@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

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