



27 February 2026

Dear Families

This is a reminder of important dates for students completing art and/or photography GCSE. The final exams (not a mock) is very fast approaching with dates as follows:

Photography prep day - Tuesday 14 April 2026 (five hours)

Final Photography exam - Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April (10 hours)

3.00pm deadline for prep and final piece

Fine Art prep day - Monday 20 April 2026 (five hours)

Final Art exam - Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 April 2026 (10 hours)

3.00pm deadline for prep and final piece

We are getting concerned with the lack of independent work some students are producing, and that they are not catching up on work when they are sitting mock exams for other subjects, where they have missed their lessons with us. Please can you encourage your child to ensure they are completing at least two hours independent work a week in order to achieve their predicted grades. We are also offering lunch, after school and Easter holiday sessions for extra work to be completed in preparation for their final exam.

Once the art and photography exams are finished, students will not be allowed to work on this project again and everything produced needs to be handed in at 3.00pm on the final day.

As the exam project is worth 40% of their overall final grade, we would ask that you really encourage your child to engage with their work and speak to their teacher for help whenever needed. All students have checklists and access to materials on their Google Classroom pages. They need to check these regularly for updates.

Your child's subject teacher will be in touch with any more specific concerns in regards to their progress at this time.

Yours sincerely

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