



Chenderit School

A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that the GCSE course is under way, I wanted to write to you as promised regarding art materials and equipment. Good quality equipment and resources are essential to any artist and can make a difference regarding the quality of the finished artwork. As you know, over the course, students will learn to use a variety of different techniques and approaches and we will always endeavour to provide students with everything that they need in class. Having the opportunity to practise these skills and approaches in their own time though will be a good way to ensure that students make strong progress.

The expectation is that all GCSE art students should purchase a range of quality art materials for use throughout the course through the school. This way, students can use their own materials both in class and at home, reducing the risk of cross contamination with other students.

As such, I have organised for students to be able to buy a pack of art resources and have sourced what I feel are the essentials for each student. The pack contains quality pencils, brushes, oil crayons, a palette, a rubber and a pencil sharpener, as well as an A2 folder to keep artwork safe. These resources should last students for the duration of the course. Ordering in bulk at educational prices has enabled us to keep the cost of this pack of resources very low.

These packs have already been prepared, ready for distribution. Each pack will cost £35.00. Our preferred payment method is now online, via Parentpay. This can be accessed through the school website or directly at www.parentpay.com. Please contact The Finance Office if you need a Parentpay password or assistance. All payment records, instalment payments, and running balances can now be tracked online. (Cash and cheques will also be accepted). If finance is a problem for particular students and their families, please contact me directly at school, either by phone (01295 711567) or by email (tchristy@chenderit.northants.sch.uk) Packs will be distributed to students as soon as payment is received. Students will be given the equipment in the A2 folder. I would suggest that students keep their new materials at home, but would ask them to keep their art folder in school so that they can safely store completed artwork within it. Students will be welcome to access these whenever they want- we tend to find that during Year Ten, when we begin our assessed coursework, students use these folders to transport their work to and from school. Until this point, it is best for the folders to remain in school.

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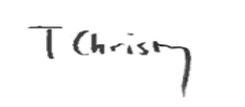
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I have been impressed with how the new Year Nine Artists have begun the GCSE course, and have been pleased to see many of them have already developed and refined their skills. I know that students often feel daunted at the start of the course, but know from experience how quickly they can improve their skills. Like anything, the best way to make progress is through a combination of sustained practice and by seeking out and responding to advice. I will continue to do all I can to ensure that students have these opportunities, and would like to ask for your support in ensuring that students play their own part in this process. Students should expect to spend between an hour and a half and two hours a week outside of lessons in order to be on track for GCSE success, and I will set them a homework task each week in order to help them with this. Completing each assignment will be essential. The more time and effort each student invests in their work, the more successful they will be.

I look forward to seeing their progress. Do please feel free to contact me directly at school if you have any questions about the art packs or about any aspect of the course. Please do keep in touch with any good news, problems, or queries that I may be able to help with.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I look forward to a very constructive and supportive relationship with all of you.



Tom Christy,
Head of Art, Chenderit School

REPLY SLIP: Year 9 Art Packs.

(Please return reply slip even if paying on Parentpay so we order the pack for you)

Student Name _____ Tutor group _____

Year 9 Art Pack £35.00

Paid by Parentpay Paid by cash/cheque (please ✓ as appropriate)

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____