

# St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and West Sussex County Council

Dear Parent/guardian,

I am writing to you to inform you of the changes which will be affecting your son/ daughter's Gcse Art and Photography course of study this year due to the Covid19 Pandemic. Normally the course would be assessed on two components as below:

**Component 1 – Coursework 60% of final grade**

**Component 2 – Timed exam (including preparatory work) 40% of final grade**

Due to the time-consuming nature of producing art/ photography coursework and in light of the large amount of face to face study time students would require, the government in consultation with the exams board Ofcal have decided that students this year will not undertake Component 2, the timed exam.

***“art and design – the removal of the externally set task, so assessment is by portfolio only, will reduce the amount of assessment a student undertakes and the disruption this could cause to their other subjects, allow teachers to make best use of teaching time and reduce pressure on the use of specialist resources”***

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/906173/Consultation\\_decisions\\_-\\_proposed\\_changes\\_to\\_the\\_assessment\\_of\\_GCSEs\\_AS\\_and\\_A\\_levels\\_in\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906173/Consultation_decisions_-_proposed_changes_to_the_assessment_of_GCSEs_AS_and_A_levels_in_2021.pdf)

As a result of these changes, students will now receive their grade based solely on their Component 1 coursework. It is therefore vital that students are in a position to submit the strongest possible evidence for this Component. With this in mind, I have therefore produced a time plan to allow students the best chance of success. It is vital students work to the timescales set out below in order to achieve the success they deserve. Students will have access to this document in the class materials section on Teams and have also had this emailed out to them. Please can I ask that you discuss this with son/daughter and offer as much support, tough love, gently persuasion as you can to help them keep to this schedule.

We are planning to run Friday afternoon catch up sessions. These were due to start this term but due to the staffing issues and safety concerns regarding the amount of positive cases at school we have been unable to do this yet. I will be in touch again to advise you when these are able to take place.

Please email myself or your child's teacher directly if you wish to discuss any issues regarding their progress or have any questions about anything I have mentioned in this letter using the emails below:

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Yours sincerely

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# Year 11 Art Progress Plan

## Nov 2020

### Year 11 Gcse Art and Photography

This year due to the Covid pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the Government, in consultation with the exam boards have decided that there will be no Component 2 – Timed exam element for students in May. Usually students would begin working on their exam prep for this from January. This year students will only be assessed on Component 1 – Coursework.

Due to these changes Component 1 is now more important than ever. Students will therefore work on this component until the end of April using the timescale set out below.

Breakdown of tasks and time:

#### **Autumn Term:**

First half term: Complete study sheets for:

- 1 – Truthful Representations – Portrait and Identity
- 2 – Truthful Representations – Celebrity Portrait

#### **Second half term:**

- 1- Complete final piece for Portrait and Identity
- 2- Complete Celebrity Portrait
- 3- Students to attend catch up after school sessions

Art/Photography – Yr 11/13 Fridays both weeks, fo9 for Art and fo4/6 for photography. (At present not possible, you will be advised when these can commence)

#### **Spring Term:**

##### **First half term**

Complete study sheets for:

- 1 – Truthful Representations – Fears and Phobias sheet 1
- 2 – Truthful Representations – Fears and Phobias sheet 2

##### **Second half term:**

- 1- Truthful Representations – Fears and Phobias sheet 3
- 2- Complete final piece for- Fears and Phobias sheet 3

#### **Summer Term:**

##### **First Half term:**

- 1 – Final portfolio check – students to work on improving coursework by acting on DIN tasks and adding more evidence