

15 March 2023

Dear parent/ carer

### **Year 10 Art**

I am writing to notify you of our decision to move all Year 10 BTEC Art students across to our GCSE Art and Design course. As you may be aware your son/ daughter was working towards the new BTEC Tech Award specification. This is the first year this specification has been run by the Edexcel and Pearson. We have reviewed the information provided by Pearson and have made the decision that our students will not perform as well in this qualification as they would if entered for GCSE. Therefore, from this point onwards your child will be working towards a GCSE in Art and Design.

We have not made this decision lightly and it has been discussed extensively with the Senior Leadership Team. The best possible outcomes for our students are always in the forefront of any decision we make regarding the courses on offer.

The Art department have worked hard to put together a scheme of work that use and build on the current Landscape project being studied. As a result, a series of lessons will be completed in the coming weeks which ensure this project meets the requirements of a GCSE qualification.

It is preferred that students present work in a sketchbook at GCSE, we therefore ask that an A4 sketchbook is purchased via ScoPay, at a cost of £3.50, by Tuesday 21 March. The work your child has produced in the landscape unit, as well as any future work for this project will be presented in this sketchbook.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me via [general@thehambleschool.co.uk](mailto:general@thehambleschool.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Marshall

Head of Art (Acting)

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