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Dear Parents/Carers

Sketchbooks and Art Packs

The Art and Photography department has always been very proud that students have been able to produce excellent work using quality resources provided to ensure that they have all the necessary tools to succeed.

As we prepare our students for success at GCSE, we encourage students to take a professional approach to their projects and encourage the use of high-quality sketchbooks to present work.

All art students will need to have a hardback, spiral bound sketchbook containing high quality cartridge paper. Size requirements and additional materials needed for each year group are detailed in the table below. To cover the vast cost of these materials, we are asking parents for a contribution towards them.

Students have already been issued with the presentation formats that they need and have made really good progress so far.

We are taking a new approach with Year 9 presentation to give them experience in presenting on both sheets and in sketchbooks. Requirements for this are detailed below

Year 9	Sketchbook, folder and card pack	£5.45
Year 10 Art	A4 Sketchbook	£3.00
Year 11 Art	A4 Sketchbook	£3.00
Year 10 & 11	A4 spiral bound black page presentation book	£3.95

Payment for the above can be made via Scopay. Those of you who paid for sketchbooks last year may notice a change in cost, this is due to a change in price from our suppliers, however it is still cheaper to purchase them through us than in shops.

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In addition to the sketchbooks and folders, there is also the option on Scopay to make a voluntary contribution of £5.00 to the Art department, this money will go towards a range of materials to enhance the rich and diverse curriculum offered to students across all key stages.

Following some Student Voice feedback, our students have expressed a strong interest in purchasing their own art materials for use at home, sharing with us their ideas for specific items they would like. Based on the feedback we have received, we will be selling 3 types of art pack:

Basic art pack	Watercolour tin, white gel pens, paint brushes, black fineliner, glue stick, pack of drawing pencils	£10.62
Intermediate art pack	Watercolour tin, white gel pens, paint brushes, black fineliner, glue stick, pack of drawing pencils, pack of small acrylic paints, 12 pack of oil pastels	£18.24
Mega art pack	Watercolour tin, white gel pens, paint brushes, black fineliner, glue stick, pack of drawing pencils, pack of small acrylic paints, 12 pack of oil pastels, double sided tape, watercolour paper, watercolour pencils, soft pastels, charcoal and acrylic markers	£39.69

These can be purchased through Scopay, we can then give these to the students once payment is confirmed.

We are very excited for our Year 9 and GCSE programmes of study this year and have been so impressed with the start our classes have made.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above payments, please do contact the school. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Marshall

Head of Art and Raising Standards Leader

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.