



30 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Art Timeline

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about some important dates and deadlines coming up for students studying GCSE Art and introduce the Power Hour sessions that we provide.

Art students will sit their 5-hour **mock exam** on either Monday 1 December or Tuesday 2 December in which students will create a final piece for their coursework project (worth 60% of their final grade).

Their **final** 10-hour GCSE Art exam will be completed over two days on Tuesday 5 May and Wednesday 6 May.

To help prepare students for their mock exam, during the week commencing 13 October we will be reviewing all sketchbooks to assess the standard of work and provide constructive feedback. **By this date, all students must be up to date with their coursework.** The final deadline for the coursework project is the last lesson before the Christmas holidays as students will begin their exam project as soon as we return in January.

For students to be able to create enough evidence to meet the assessment objectives, it is essential that they spend a minimum of at least 1 hour a week on their coursework. To facilitate this, we will be hosting a 'Power Hour' for art students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school until 4.10pm. Any students needing support with their coursework are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions about your child's progress in GCSE Art, or they would like any further support, please email me at k.murphy@hallparkacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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