

15th November 2023

3D Design Important Information Update

Dear Parent/carer,

I am writing to you with some important dates and information that are relevant for your child over the forthcoming weeks/months regarding their 3D Design course so you can best support your child.

On Wednesday 29th November we will be holding a mastery day for your child to spend time catching up on coursework due to missed lessons over the mock exam period. They will need to come to the workshop for period 1 and will spend all day off timetable working on prepping for their 10-hour practical, anyone not using the day productively will be sent back to normal lessons, so it is important they arrive prepared with their folder and a plan of what they want to get completed. It is important that your child is still finding time to work on their coursework during these mock exams this will only lead to more work for them to catch up on if they neglect it. We have interacts running on a Monday and Wednesday after school for coursework catch up so encouragement to attend these would be much appreciated.

The 10-hour 3D Design practical's will be happening between the 12th-15th December. Students have been advised which two days their practical is on via TEAMS and Edulink. If there are any issues with these dates, they need to let me know as soon as possible. Students will then have until January 5th to complete any pages in their UNIT 1 folder, worth 60% of their GCSE and submit it. They will then begin their UNIT 2 folder, which is an externally set assignment from the exam board EDUQAS and is worth 40% of their final GCSE grade. They have until after Easter to complete the folder work, sit their final 10-hour practical and then they will be finished with the 3D Design course. They will need a new A4/A3 sketchbook or display book for this so please could you support in purchasing one in preparation for January. If your child receives Pupil Premium, please contact us if you would like support.

I also think it is important that you are aware I will be on maternity leave from January. As well as Mrs Wibberley continuing with teaching lessons, Mrs Neal, a long-standing teacher at Abbey College who has a product design degree, will be covering my Year 11 lessons. Any concerns in my absence, please contact Mrs Wibberley.

We hope you find this information helpful, and we appreciate all support you offer at home. If you have any questions initially, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Yours faithfully,

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