



# The Crossley Heath School

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To Parents/Carers of Year 13 Art and Design A-Level students,

As we are about to undertake the 15-hour A-Level Art and Design examination I would like to take this opportunity to outline the **important** details which you should be aware of.

Students were issued with their examination paper at the start of February and they have been completing preparatory work during lesson time, in their homework and many of them will be during Easter too, as this Component 2 examination is worth 40% of their overall A-Level grade.

## The 15-hour examination – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The A-Level Fine Art and Photography examination dates are Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Students will be in the exam for three full days, which makes up the necessary 15 hours of controlled examination time. Students will be required to make their way to the VA5 Art studio on the morning of each exam as outlined below. They will have breaks and lunchtime integrated in as normal, except for the first session which has to be conducted as a 3-hour consecutive period of controlled assessment.

The structure of the three days will be as follows:

<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Arrive at their Art room to prepare for the exam</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Exam begins</b>
	12:10 pm	Lunch break
	<b>1:10 pm</b>	<b>Arrive back at the Art room for the afternoon session</b>
	<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Exam starts again</b>
	<b>3:05 pm</b>	<b>First stage of the exam ends (tidy up ready for day 2)</b>
	3:15 pm	Students leave school

<b>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Arrive at their allocated Art room</b>
	<b>8:35 am</b>	<b>Exam begins</b>
	10:35 am	Break
	<b>10:55 am</b>	<b>Arrive back (10:50) to start the exam again at 10:55</b>
	12:10 pm	Lunch break
	<b>1:10 pm</b>	<b>Arrive back at the Art room for the afternoon session</b>
	<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Exam starts again</b>
	<b>3:05 pm</b>	<b>Second stage of exam ends (tidy up ready for day 3)</b>
3:15 pm	Students leave school	

<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Arrive at their allocated Art room</b>
	<b>8:35 am</b>	<b>Exam begins</b>
	10:35 am	Break
	<b>10:55 am</b>	<b>Arrive back (10:50) to start the exam again at 10:55</b>
	12:10 pm	Lunch break
	<b>1:10 pm</b>	<b>Arrive back at the Art room for the afternoon session</b>
	<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Exam starts again</b>
	<b>2:55 pm</b>	<b>Exam time ends – students clean down, hand work in (20 mins)</b>
	3:15 pm	Students leave school

### **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION – ABSENCE ON EXAM DAY(S)**

If your child is **not able** to attend one, two or all three of the examination days because of illness, a parent/guardian **must** telephone school **on the morning** of the exam and explain that the message **must** go immediately to Mrs Henson. You will then be required to **provide a doctor's sick note** in order for your child to gain the time back to do their examination. If they do not turn up for any other reason, the exam time cannot be given back and therefore the exam entry will be void; without a completed exam, the entry for the entire A-Level will also be void. In addition to this, the exam regulations also state that once the 15-hour examination period has commenced, students are no longer allowed to work into their preparatory work, thus, should your child be absent for any of the days of the exam it would be **imperative** that their preparatory work is brought in to school at the start of Wednesday morning, otherwise this would not be allowed to be assessed.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Henson

**Department Leader for Visual Arts**