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GCSE Art Controlled Test Schedule 2010

I am writing to you to inform you that the GCSE Art and Design exam (Controlled Test) is imminent. I thought it might be useful to let you know the details of the preparation period in advance of the exam.

Students will be given the exam paper on Monday 1 February 2010.

February 1 – 7 (Week 1)	Students need to research artists who have produced work which interests the students and are relevant to their chosen exam title. It is important that the sheets worked on during this week contain hand made reproductions, colour copies and brief written comments on why the artwork is relevant and how it might help develop some ideas.
February 8 – 14	This week should be spent on observational work. Using ideas found in the artist's research, this should inform their own ideas. Observations are in the form of drawings and paintings from real life. It is crucial students dedicate a decent amount of time on this as it is where they can prove their technical skills. Other forms of observation can be photographs the students have taken and collection of relevant images printed from the internet.
February 15 – 21	Holiday – (This is not classed as the official 4 weeks preparation time...)
February 22 – 28	This week students need to concentrate on using a variety of materials to demonstrate they can experiment with ideas, composition, handle and select materials.
February 29 - March 7	Final week. Students should have decided what their exam piece will look like. It is time to produce a final draft on paper diagrams of how the final piece will look and show how the artist's research, observed work and experiments will be used in the final piece. It is also the last chance to complete any work missed or incomplete from the last four weeks.
March 8 – 12	The exam week – students have a schedule written in their planners. They can still add to their preparatory work during this week but everything must be mounted by Friday.

The work will be on display for you to see on Thursday 22 April (provisional).

If you have any worries or queries please do not hesitate to contact the art department on extension 228.

