



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY AND ART DEPARTMENT

KS4 ART YEAR 10

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Throughout the GCSE Art course your child will be developing an extensive range of practical work in order to demonstrate the skills required by the examination board.

With Government funding under increasing pressure, it is becoming ever more challenging to provide the equipment and materials necessary for pupils to fully develop their creative ideas and to evidence their skills. With increasing numbers of pupils opting to take GCSE Art, and central funding declining in real terms, the traditional model whereby the school funded all materials and equipment has become unsustainable.

We therefore now have a very successful system for creative subjects at CFS, whereby parents/carers pay a contribution for lessons at the beginning of the academic year. This includes KS4 Art and enables us to support pupils with the materials they need during this time of unparalleled financial constraint.

We ask that parents/carers pay a one-off minimum contribution of **£20** at the start of Year 10 towards the key art materials that will be used throughout the GCSE course to May 2024. For this, pupils will receive:

- A3 spiral bound 170 gsm sketchbook
- A4 spiral bound 170 gsm sketch book
- Artists paint brushes and palettes
- Artists pastels (chalk and oil)
- Acrylic paint as required
- Sketch pencils / eraser / sharpener

The school will continue to provide all other equipment and materials including canvases, easels, inks, printing materials, sculpture materials, adhesives, collage materials, specialist pens and brushes, loose cartridge paper, embellishments, etc.

We would therefore be grateful if you could pay **£20.00** by **5 September 2023**. Please pay using your ParentPay account. If this payment is likely to cause difficulty, please contact our Finance Office (finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk). If, after this date, you have not contributed, then your child may bring in their own art materials and the sketch books will remain available to purchase via the school shop.

We hope that you will enjoy seeing your child's portfolio develop as they progress through the course.

Yours faithfully,

The Design and Technology / Art Department

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