



Wednesday 7th June 2023

Assalamoalaikum dear parents,

My name is Ms. Waseem the Art teacher at Bolton Islamic Girls School.

Your daughter is at the end of year 9. She will be taking a decision, to opt for Art GCSE or Computer Science.

I wanted to take this opportunity to explain the GCSE art process and the advantages of having an Art GCSE.

We shall be studying the AQA Fine Art scheme. This gives us the freedom to explore and show case an unlimited amount of art styles.

*60 % of the GCSE mark is based on course work, which is covered in Year 10 and Term one of Year 11.

*40 % of the GCSE mark is based on the external exam, which is sent out in January of Year 11, to be completed by the end of April, Year 11.

*A 10 hour practical exam, held over two school days will be based on a personal response to the external exam question. This will happen at the start of term three, Year 11.

As we are studying the Fine Art scheme, we are fortunate to be able to base students art style on their strengths. Painting, sculpture, calligraphy, textiles, dress making as well as Islamic art.

We have had students come back and tell us how college providers are impressed with their vast array of subjects. English, Math, Science, Art, History, Language and religion. Art students who have gone onto academic subjects have impressed interviewers with their creativity, independence, time management and researching skills.

Some of our past students have gone onto Graphic design, Events management, Bespoke art business, Cake decorating and Henna decorative art works. Those who have gone on for medicine have been told that the fact that they have studied art improves their dexterity, helping them aid in fine motor skills!

If you wish to discuss anything regarding the Art GCSE curriculum, you can contact me at;

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Regards,

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