

3 March 2023

Dear Students,

We appreciate that as Visual Arts students you will be as keen as we are for you to return to lessons as quickly as possible following the fire in one of the Visual Arts classrooms earlier this week. We are sorry that we've had to cancel lessons for the remainder of this week – thank you for your patience as we assess the damage, establish how we can fix it, and make arrangements for your lessons.

Please find below arrangements for next week (6 – 10 March):

Photography, Graphics and UAL courses

Lessons in A Level Photography, A Level Graphics and UAL Digital Design and Commercial Photography will resume from Monday in the following classrooms:

- If you have a lesson timetabled in 2.01 then you will now be in 1.22
- If you have a lesson timetabled in 2.05 then you will now be in 1.25

We will be moving computers to these new rooms for Monday, but the photography studio and dark room will be out of action for a little while longer.

Fine Art and Textiles courses

There will be no timetabled lessons in A Level Fine Art and A Level Textiles next week (6 – 10 March). Your teachers will set you work to complete independently via your class page on Teams and will also arrange for each of you to have a 1-to-1 tutorial with your Art / Textiles teacher next week. The room and time for this tutorial will be communicated to you via Teams.

In the meantime, please rest assured that the College is working as fast as it can to repair the damage following the fire, to carry out all the necessary safety checks, and to get you back into your regular classrooms as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience and for the exemplary behaviour students demonstrated during the incident on Wednesday.

We are aware of the upcoming final exams for Year 13 students and we are liaising with the exam boards about the situation, and we will obviously keep you updated with further information when we can. Your Visual Arts teachers will be based in 1.26 or the media workroom in 1.32 if you need to try and find them outside of lessons, or if you need any additional support.

Yours sincerely,

**Brendon Fletcher**
Principal