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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE ART MATERIALS

I am writing to you regarding your son/daughter's GCSE option in Art & Design. The subject, by its nature, includes practical resources and home study. With this in mind, we request that students are equipped with a basic art kit of items that are essential for completing the course syllabus.

These items can be obtained from any good art shop, or you can purchase our **Essential Art Kit** through the school shop at a substantially lower price than is generally available to the public.

Essential Art Kit - £11.00

- x1 A4 sketchbook (spiral-bound, 35 sheets of 150gsm cartridge paper)
- Set of 12 Graphite drawing pencils
- 300mm x 300mm lino sheet

(NB All artists should also bring to their lessons a good eraser and pencil sharpener)

In addition to the essential kit, we suggest some further optional resources that may be useful for your son/daughter with their artwork outside of school. These include a set of good quality colouring pencils, some black fine-liners (for drawing and writing in sketchbooks) and a set of acrylic paints/watercolours (for painting at home).

Optional items:

- Set of 36 Quality Blendable Colouring Pencils - £8.50
- 6 Assorted Artist Quality Brushes - £8.25
- Watercolour Paints Box of 36 tablets - £6.50
- Set of 10 Seawhite Acrylic Paints (75ml) - £16.00
- Edding Black Fine-liner Pens - £1.00 each

Again, these can be obtained from any good art shop, or they can be purchased through the [school shop](#).

The Essential Kit and any optional items should be ordered from our [school shop](#) by Friday 8 August. The items will be handed out to students as soon as possible in the new term. Additional sketchbooks and black fineliner pens are available for purchase from the school shop as needed throughout the school year.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs Cooper in the finance office **by Friday 8 August** at lcooper1@waddesdonschool.com

Yours faithfully

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