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News from the Art Department

This half-term has been exceptionally busy for the Art Department. In the first week back after the holiday, Year 11 GCSE students completed a 10 hour period of sustained focus over two days for their Art exam. This was a huge undertaking for both the students and Art teachers as we have not had this type of assessment since 2019. In the following weeks the Year 13 A-level Art and Photography students completed their 15 hour period of sustained focus over three days. As both the GCSE and A-level work is currently being assessed, I unfortunately cannot share any images in this newsletter. There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Year 13 Art and Photography work at the **A-level exhibition on Thursday 22nd June in the South Hall 5-7pm**. I would like to congratulate the students for their tenacity throughout the exam period. Some outstanding work has been produced and we look forward to celebrating their achievements at the exhibition and on the August results day. Thank you also to the wonderful Art team; Mrs Davies, Mrs Padgham, Mrs Quayle & Miss Carter who have been a tremendous support during the exams and assessment period

We had the pleasure of visiting a former student's art show recently. Annie left Queens' in 2022 and has been studying at Camberwell, which is part of the University of the Arts London, one of the UK's best Arts institutions. On this year-long course Annie specialised in sculpture and she is set to continue studying Fine Art. We are very proud of all she has achieved and look forward to her visiting Queens' to share her experience and help with some lower school sculpture workshops in the future.



The finalists for the **House Photography Competition 2023** have submitted their entries in response to the theme: FREEDOM, SPACE or PLACE. There are representatives for each year group across all four houses and some brilliant entries. The intended exhibition, where the winners will be decided by an external judge, has been delayed until the first week back after the May half-term break as it has been so busy with the art examinations in the department. I apologise for this and thank the students for their patience. The exhibition will be in the South Canteen.

Finally, here is some Key Stage 3 work from last term. Year 7 has been working on a seascape project. Here are some examples of high standard pencil observational drawing. Drawing underpins all of our Key Stage 3 projects as it is a key art discipline that requires students to look carefully at the subject and record the shapes, details and tones. Year 8 has been learning about Ancient Egyptian culture and has made clay cartouches. Year 9 students are finalising their burger sculptures. We look forward to running two extended GCSE lessons for Year 9 students who have opted to study Art in the next half-term.

Miss Challis, Head of Art and The Creative Arts Faculty



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