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**Art Department News October 2024**

The Art Department arranged a sixth form student visit to the work-place and family home of 20th century sculptor Henry Moore in Perry Green, East Hertfordshire. We have visited the Henry Moore Studio and Gardens many times with our GCSE Art students but this was an opportunity to consider Moore's work from a new multidisciplinary perspective. This included a visit to a contemporary artist studio based a stone's throw from the sculpture gardens in Grandey's Place, a centre dedicated to the conservation of Britain's Heritage Crafts.



Based at Grandey's Place, Daniela Rubino and Lauren Wilson are designers and makers who studied Sculpture at Central Saint Martins and The Slade School of Fine Art respectively. Their projects span multiple audiences, linked by their specialism - working with steel and aluminium. RubinoWilson demonstrate an accomplished portfolio which includes furniture brand STUDIO ENYO, a world-class fabrication service for artists and interior designers, and a free mentoring scheme that equips young adults with metal fabrication skills.



This was a fantastic opportunity for Queens' A-level Art, Photography and Product Design students to speak with Lauren Wilson directly. Lauren was able to talk us through her creative journey from studying Sculpture at university and gaining subsequent work in the creative sector, specialising in metal work. The students even had a go at welding! It was great for the students to speak with an industry professional and to learn more about artist collaboration, innovation and communication as these are vital skills in any creative workplace. We hope, also, that this experience gave students an insight into the creative industries and confronted any misconceptions and stereotypes about accessing this type of career.



The students' behaviour was exemplary on this trip and they participated with genuine enthusiasm and energy. Thank you for making this such an enjoyable day out. Thank you also to Mrs Davies and Mr Lewis for driving the minibuses and to Mrs Padgham for her support on this trip.  
**Miss Challis, Head of Art.**

