



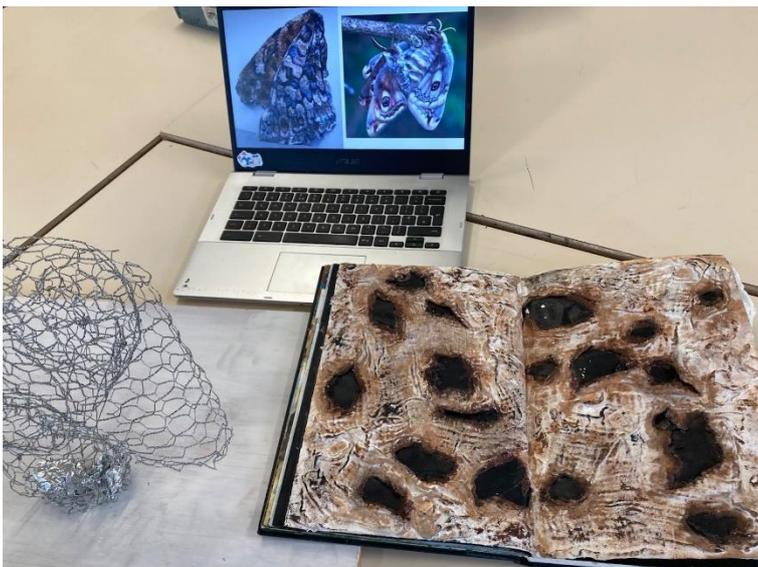
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News from the Art Department February 2025

Henri Matisse, the French painter and prominent figure in modern art, once said *“Don’t wait for inspiration. It comes while working.”* This half-term has been a hive of activity in the art department as Year 11 and Year 13 students recently handed in their Component 1 Personal Portfolios. This body of practical research and development work, worth 60% of the GCSE and A-level qualifications, includes several personal responses relevant to a theme. The students have worked exceptionally hard to produce a broad range of drawings, painting, photography and sculpture. There are plenty of standout pieces that present interesting concepts and demonstrate a high level of skill. I look forward to sharing these with you in our annual summer exhibition. The externally set assignment is now underway for both the GCSE and A-level students with the respective themes of ‘Gathering’ and ‘Union’. Students have started this process very well and need to maintain focus until their practical exam that takes place just after the Easter break. The exam planner, which outlines key preparatory tasks and helps students to manage their time, has been posted on Google Classroom.

Year 12 students have been working hard finding inspiration through their experimentation process. An important part of the assessment criteria in art is that students are able to explore and select appropriate materials, techniques and processes, reviewing and refining ideas as work develops. I have been so impressed with the Year 12 students' open-minded approach as they have been keen to try new techniques and to take creative risks. Exploring materials in this way is affecting the style of their work and helping them to develop their own artistic voice which is just so rewarding to see. I am particularly struck by the ‘moth eaten’ surfaces created with fabric and the experimental mixed media landscapes created with cracked spray paint. I can’t wait to see this on a bigger scale. Well done Year 12, keep up the good work.

Miss Challis



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