



# The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Creative Controlled Assessments 13 – 17 April 2026**

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Controlled Assessment that your young person will be completing as part of their GCSE in 3D/Fine Art, Textiles and Photography on the dates outlined below. This assessment forms 40% of their overall qualification and provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their creative skills, technical ability, and independent working.

To support your young person in achieving their full potential, please take note of the expectations and requirements outlined below:

Monday 13 & Tuesday 14	GCSE Textile Design and Art, Craft and Design
Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15	GCSE Fine Art
Thursday 16 & Friday 17	GCSE 3D Art, Photography (Catch up days for absentees)

### **Assessment Overview**

The controlled assessment will take place under supervised conditions in college, as part of the normal college day with breaks.

Students will be expected to work independently, developing ideas, refining ideas and producing personal outcomes in relation to their chosen starting point.

All work submitted must be the student's own and created within the controlled assessment environment.

### **Preparation and Materials**

Students should bring any preparatory work previously approved by their teacher e.g. sketchbooks, photo shoots, planning sheets, fabric samples. They must not add to their preparatory work once the assessment begins

All additional resources required during the assessment will be provided by college unless otherwise communicated.

Students may bring water, in a bottle without a label. They should not bring in any food to the assessment.

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## **Behaviour and Conduct**

Students must arrive at 8:25am for each scheduled assessment session in full school uniform. Students must be fully prepared, photocopying or printing requests will not be granted on the morning of the assessments. If photocopies are required during the assessment as part of planned work an invigilator will be on hand.

Mobile phones and other personal devices must be switched off, and handed to the invigilator throughout the assessment.

Full focus and engagement are expected; in line with the JCQ guidance students must not talk or attempt to communicate with others. Students may ask their teacher for technical guidance, by raising their hand but must not seek creative advice

## **How You Can Support Your Young Person**

- Encourage regular attendance and punctuality during the assessment period.
- Ensure your young person comes equipped with any allowed preparatory materials.
- Provide reassurance and help them manage their workload calmly and effectively.
- Encourage them to get a good night's sleep prior, and have breakfast on the day.

We understand that assessments can feel challenging, but with consistent effort and support, students are well positioned for success. Should you have any questions or require clarification about the assessment process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your Sincerely,



Miss S Greenstreet  
Head of Creative and Technical Arts