



Secondary Spotlight

31st May 2019
Term 3, Edition 6

Secondary Notices

Tuesday 4 th June	Green Day - Wear green and donate \$2 to Shark Guardians
Wednesday 5 th June	Public Holiday - Hari Raya Puasa
Thursday 6 th June	Students Art Exhibition (18:00-20:00) (The Art Studio)
3 rd – 20 th June	iGCSE Exams

TTT Deadlines: w/c 3rd June

Year 7 – French/ Mandarin and Music & Computing, Year 8 – Visual Arts and DT, and Geography, Year 9 – History

Our subjects in the Spotlight this week are...Art and DT

Year 7: In Art the students have been building on their watercolour skills and they are creating large scale paintings of inflatable animals. They have researched the work of an artist and analysed their style in order to create their own inspired paintings. For DT the students have been developing designs for their Bag for Life textiles project. During this short project students are utilising the 3 R's (Reuse, Recycle and Reduce) - by recycling old material to create a fabric shopping bag, they hope to reduce the need to use plastic shopping bags. We're grateful to those who have brought in an unwanted piece of clothing/material to be repurposed. Students are excited to be using the sewing machines from next week.

Year 8: Year 8 Art students were extremely lucky to have a video sent to them from the incredible mixed media artist Schalk Van Der Merwe to help them with their artist analysis of his work. The Year 8's will now create their own portraits in the style of their chosen portrait artist. We are excited to see the results! In DT, Year 8 have been generating textile templates for their phone protector project. This week students have been deciding between using Velcro, zips, drawstrings or buttons as the closing system for their project and choosing the inside fabric and the external fabric informed through different material property requirements. As the year draws to a close, they are excited to be bringing home their term 2 clocks and term 3 phone cases.

Year 9: This term, Year 9 have been completing their own independent still life projects which will culminate in a final piece. The students have researched their own found artist, taken their own inspired photographs and experimented with different media in art. For DT, Year 9 have continued to develop their designs for the fabric card holder project this week. Thank you to those who have brought in unwanted fabrics for this project which uses focusses on the Reuse and Reduce elements of sustainable product design. Along with the 3 Rs, the focus for this project is to use precision and accuracy to create a quality product and, from next week, students will be learning how to use the sewing machines for the first time.

Year 10: Year 10 have had an exciting term in Art, where we have been completing mini workshops experimenting with different techniques and styles. They have learnt how to become visual researchers and how they can use this research to inspire their own experiments. This week, Year 10 have been focussed on developing their Mini Contextualised Challenge Project which is due for completion on 12th June. Many are ready to start making a component of the product. This project is a practice run for the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) that will be a big focus next year which is worth 50% of the Design & Technology qualification.

Year 11: The Art department wish all the Year 11 cohort the best of luck in their upcoming exams!

Update from IB Coordinator: We waved farewell to our Year 13s last week after they completed their IB exams. Our Year 12s are currently in Tioman working on their science field trip study.