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Dear Parents/carers of Textiles GCSE students

We would like to inform you about a fantastic opportunity that will be provided for the GCSE year 11 students over the next few weeks. In the lead up to their textiles coursework finish piece and mock assessment, which equates to 30% of their grade, we wish for the students to have a really focussed opportunity to learn sewing skills with a visiting practitioner.

We have arranged for a local textiles artist, Jo Miller, to come in on a few occasions and work with the students.

She will be working with them on:

- 1) Monday 13 October: Provide specialist support - sewing skill class - 2 hours. This will be in period 3 (their usual textiles lesson) and period 4 where they will miss this class to ensure suitable time to learn.
- 2) Thursday 13 November: Whole day textiles workshop. This will be a day of developing creative skills, starting a project which can be included as part of their coursework and inform the preparation for the textile smock assessment. They will be taken out of their usual lessons, but we believe it is a vital and beneficial opportunity.

Please can we ask you to give consent for your child to participate in the class. There will be a £12 charge to cover the materials the students will use. Please can you give consent and make payment online via ParentPay. For pupil premium students, the academy can cover the cost of the workshop. Please call the school or email finance@looea.net to arrange this. There will be no cost for the visitor as the department will cover this, as it is deemed so worthy for the students to participate.

Yours sincerely

Miss Welch
Teacher of Art