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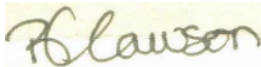
Dear Deirdre Booth,

I wished to take this opportunity to thank you and the rest of NADFAS for kindly awarding me the Sussex Young Arts Award. Your generosity will allow me to continue studying conservation of ceramics at West Dean College and turn what up until this point had been a passion into a future career.

Having come from a background with almost no conservation experience it is refreshing to find a trust such as yourselves who are willing to support young students, allowing them to contribute infinitely to the preservation of our cultural history. Certainly, following only three weeks at West Dean, I find myself doing just that. Remarkably, I am already working on two beautiful eighteenth-century Meissen pieces and a ceiling tile from Seville dating back to the Sixteenth Century, hopefully preserving for posterity objects that could otherwise have been lost.

I look forward very much to meeting with you and the rest of the NADFAS representatives in November and demonstrating some of the skills that I have gained so far. For now, however, I will just say once again how grateful I am that you have made all this possible.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Lawson". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Rachel Lawson