**ALEXIA TRANSCRIPT – ARMADALE ART STORIES**

**ALEXIA**: Hello. My name is Alexia. I am 12 years’ old, and I go to Kelmscott Senior High School. I can be a bit shy and mysterious at first, but as you get to know me through the years, my true colours will pop out. I'm usually a very loud person when it comes to people who have known me for ages and I can be very funny, and of course very sarcastic!

[I have] just this weird obsession with birds, pigeons, which is why I put a pigeon on my drawing – not drawing, painting – because yes, they're my favorite animal. I just love pigeons. They're just so cute. Like one day I just went to the city with my friend and I saw some pigeons and I was like, oh my god. That's adorable.

I like to sing. I also like to do gardening and art and ecospheres, which is like a biome in a jar. There's a ton of moss in my backyard and I have to water it a bit to make sure it's alive again. I like watching the moss, like you know when you water moss and it turns green after a while? Yeah. It's so satisfying. My parents are into gardening, and I have like a quarter of an acre backyard.

Chickens. Yeah. My chickens are very affectionate. One of them gives me kisses.

I have two half-siblings. Um, actually, I have three, but one of them is dead. I actually don't know. He died when he was really young. He would've been like 27 to 28 right now, but yeah. Then it's Amber and Aiden. My sister's the favorite but I'm not left out. It’s just she happens to get more attention mostly because she's autistic and her mum wasn't that good a person. Well, my dad's got the carer’s thing because my sister has autism. I have ADHD and so does my brother.

It's either really easy or really hard to focus and you always forget where things are, like you could be making cereal, put the milk somewhere, look back in the fridge, [and go], “Hey, where's the milk?”

I seem to fiddle with my fingers a lot. Like under the desk I'm actually fiddling with my fingers.

I like chemistry and agriculture and music; and I want to do Japanese, but some glitch happened, and I have to do German now. Well, I do want to be an artist. I have a few career options. There's art, there is singing and there is being a scientist or an actor. Or, which is exactly [what was] in my graduation quote for primary school, being the next Gordon Ramsey. Because I'm really good at cooking. I make my own recipes of sautéed onion and stuff, and I add a lot of soy to my food. My family is like, oh my god, how much of that are you going to add? And I'm like, I don't know – just a lot!

**LUISA:** I have to ask about your beautiful makeup there?

**ALEXIA:** It's religious. My religion, which is *Agronian [spelling unknown]*. It's like really endangered and not many people even know of it. Yeah. Because I'm a very spiritual person. And these symbols basically block bad and unholy things from entering my soul, or like something like that. When I don't have it on, I become very stressed. There had been a time when I accidentally went out of the house without it. Usually, I put double swirls then to make sure there's nothing there.

I mean, my third eye's opening a bit. Like I can see spirits sometimes and talk to 'em. Well, I do know the names and what the spirits in my house look like and how they died. Some of them are good, some of them are bad. I get along with the good ones. Usually if it's like, I don't know, nighttime and I'm not able to talk to anyone, I usually just talk to them.

In my primary school I used to be made fun of for it. Like people thought it was a fake religion because it's unrecognized, but it's not fake. Not in this school, but in my primary school it was really bad. Because I've got no bullies and when people *have* been mean to me, my friends have stuck up for me. They are very funny people. People that will actually make me a happy person because that's what I struggle with, because I have anxiety and stuff like that.