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ACADEMY

Principal - Mr Garry Trott

Our ref: LTH/EPE

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Dear Parent

Student Name (Form) re: Key Stage 4 Photography GCSE Course

We are very excited that <name> will be studying the GCSE Photography course from this September. During the course, <name> will require three A3 flip-files in which to display preparatory studies: two for their coursework and one more for their exam.

We are asking for a one off payment of £16.00 to cover costs for <name> for the two year GCSE course. This will cover the costs of the flip files, mounting boards for final pieces and an SD card reader for the purposes of downloading of photographs. The A3 flip files will be given to each student at the start of their new project. Mounting boards are used to present final pieces at the end of each project. Please be aware this is course is a creative GCSE subject and there will be elements that involve art materials. I would strongly advise that a shirt, t-shirt or apron is brought in to protect school uniform during stages of the projects that require it.

Please pay £16.00 by ParentPay by 1st September 2018 so that <name> will be able to have their first folder and card reader as soon as possible in the autumn term when <he/she> returns to school. If you do not use ParentPay you can pay by Paypoint by requesting a barcode from the academy's finance office.

If you are considering purchasing a new camera for your child, please note that it is not compulsory for your child to have their own camera for this course. We have compact digital cameras available to use during lessons which allow students to take photographs but do not allow students to experiment with manual settings. Due to changes in the GCSE specification, students now need to show an understanding of shutter speed, aperture and other manual settings on a camera which determine how a photograph is taken and appears.

Where possible we would strongly encourage students to have their own camera for this subject. Access to their own camera often gives students more independence with their work and supports them with homework tasks. Access to their own camera encourages student's creativity and enthusiasm for the course, allowing them to produce a greater range of photography for their projects. If you are considering buying a camera for your child we would suggest you look for a camera with the ability to use manual settings as it would help support this aspect of the course. There are a range of new and secondhand options available to students at various prices, with some 'Bridge cameras' and entry level 'DSLR cameras' both offering manual settings.

Please contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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