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Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: Photography A level requirements

I am pleased to see that your son / daughter has expressed an interest in taking A level Photography as one of their sixth form options next year.

The two year A level is very technical and students will need some specialist equipment in order to learn how to work a dark room, studio, take professional photographs, use 'Photoshop' editing software and fulfil the requirements of the course.

Firstly, and most importantly students will need access to a DSLR camera with removable lens, unfortunately bridge and instant compact cameras are not sufficient as you are unable to isolate the shutter, aperture and change the lens.

Access to a laptop is also required as students will need to edit their photographs using photo editing programmes such as 'Photoshop'. The school has the up to date 'Photoshop' package, all students need to do is to arrange to have this downloaded on their laptops.

Students will also need to buy a Photography pack obtained from the school for £90. The pack will contain:

- Dark room paper
- 2 Portfolios
- 3 black and white films
- Negative film contact sheets
- Memory stick
- Memory card
- Glue stick and metallic highlighter pen
- Printing cost £20
- 'Photoshop' instalment to personal laptop

Please see Mrs Pykett (Director of Sixth Form) or Mrs Gibson Smith (Head of Sixth Form) for more details about applying for a bursary.

If you would like to discuss the Photography course further or camera's, please contact myself in the Art department at the school.

Regards

C R Fraser
Curriculum Leader Art Design and Photography

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs S Gallagher or Mrs K Bones at office@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

