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Dear Families

Year 10 GCSE Photography Equipment

We are very pleased to be welcoming your child to the year 10 photography course. We had a really successful first year with students producing amazing and exciting work and are very sure our new year 10s will follow in their footsteps!

Photography equipment is expensive so we are trying to provide as much for the students in school as possible. GCSE photography students do not have to own a DSLR (digital single-lens reflex camera) but this would make the course more accessible for them, especially outside of lesson time. We will have cameras they can use at school, but it is ideal to have their own as this can be used after school, weekends and holidays. If you would like to purchase one we recommend Canon EOS, which can be bought second hand online for less than £200.

In order to be able to offer the best possible course to our students we will be charging for the following necessary equipment. The total cost for year 10 will be £50, which can be paid on the MCAS app.

Photographic equipment:

- 1x A4 black photography logbooks (or the equivalent in black or white card)
- A2 and A3 plastic folder
- 10x A4 sheets of Epson Lustre printer paper
- 2x A3 sheets of Epson Lustre printer paper
- 4x A4 sheets of dark room paper
- 2x white gel pens
- 1x white Posca pen
- 1x glue stick
- This cost also includes a small contribution towards inks for the Epson printer which students will use regularly

We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville Community from achieving their best. We will work closely with all families to ensure equity during their time at the school. If any families would like their child to have access to this product and would need financial assistance, we invite families to get in touch with us to discuss what may be available. Please speak to your child's community team.

Being fully equipped for photography, both in class and at home is imperative for students to succeed in the subject. Please can you ensure that the payment is made promptly, equipment will be then be given out in class once this has been received.

If you have any questions about the course, please do not hesitate to contact me sstirling@mysackville.co.uk.

We are looking forward to a creative and productive year ahead.

Yours sincerely
Miss Sarah Stirling

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