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Dear Families

## Year 12 A Level Photography Equipment

Photography is an exciting course offered at Sackville School and a popular and successful choice amongst A level students. Before embarking on the course it is important for students and parents alike to understand the requirements for the course, including financial implications.

**Cameras:** Although it is not a requirement of the course, we strongly recommend that students have access to a digital SLR (DSLR). The majority of students taking the course use their own DSLR cameras (we recommend Canon EOS). It would also be an advantage to have access to a non-digital (film) SLR camera, however, the department has the facility to lend non-digital (film) SLRs and digital cameras on a day return basis.

**Photographic equipment:** This is increasingly expensive when purchasing direct from retailers. To keep costs to a minimum, the Art Department is offering students necessary materials at a discounted rate of £120 which will cover the cost of the following materials:

- 2x black and white 400 ASA films 36 exposures
- 25 sheets of photographic paper (8x10) for darkroom use only
- 25 sheets of A4 printing paper for digital laser ink jet
- 25 sheets of A3 printing paper for digital laser ink jet
- Darkroom chemicals and removal
- Contribution to maintenance costs of printer and digital printer inks
- 2x A3 logbooks and folder
- A sheet of mount board and a sheet of foam board

These materials will see students through year 12, the completion of coursework and a mock exam. Payment for the year 12 photography equipment can be made via the online payment system MCAS and will be distributed to students in class once payments have been made online.

Other essentials such as the darkroom chemicals; specialist equipment and guide books are provided by the school. Students will be issued with personal codes for colour photocopying of images to stick into logbooks. Using the school's facilities is considerably cheaper and better quality than the cost of photocopying locally.

We wish your child every success for their first year of A Level photography. If you have any questions or wish to discuss paying in instalments, please do not hesitate to contact me [sstirling@mysackville.co.uk](mailto:sstirling@mysackville.co.uk).

If your child is eligible for financial support from the 16-19 bursary, please contact Mrs Plumb in the sixth form office. Further information about the bursary can be found [HERE](#).

We look forward to welcoming you on the course.

Yours sincerely

Miss Sarah Stirling  
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