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Dear Families

Photography A Level Attendance and Course Expectations

I am writing to you about our expectations for the A Level photography course. Students have been made aware of these and know these are in place so that they can succeed in the subject.

- **Timetabled lessons** - Students should attend all 5 lessons timetabled each week and let both teachers know if they are going to be absent from school via email. Parents of students should also follow the sixth form attendance procedure of contacting; ks5attendance@sackvilleschool.org.uk, providing the reason for absence, if necessary.
- **Free periods** - Students should be spending at least 2 of their free periods working independently in the F03 photography room (or a free classroom, LRC or 6th form centre) to ensure they are doing at least 4 hours worth of independent work to keep on top of their coursework and finish everything to a high standard.
- **Equipment and resources** - All photography paper, mount card, film and equipment should be paid for in advance, where possible (this can be paid in instalments).
- **Log books** - Log books should ideally be brought home in between lessons, and returned for each lesson to ensure work is up to date. If log books are up to date they may be left in school for the following lesson. Plastic folders are available to protect these being transported home if needed.
- **Cameras** - Cameras that are borrowed should be brought back into school for the next lesson or when the photographs are due. If they are late then this can impact others who need to use them and prepare for darkroom lessons.
- **Printing** - When a deadline for a final piece is near, please aim to be prepared in advance and not leave printing to the last minute as this causes a large print queue and can lead to the printer malfunctioning.
- **Deadlines** - Deadlines are in place for a reason and should be met where possible. We cannot wait for an individual before moving onto a new project and work needs to be marked in between to ensure regular and concise feedback is given. If a student cannot make a deadline for health reasons then we will require a call or email from a parent/carers to clarify this and we will put an extension in, where needed.

Our main aims are for students to have the best experience possible during their photography A Level and to succeed in meeting or exceeding their minimum expected grades. Students who fully invest in the course will succeed, and should leave school in year 13 with grades they can be proud of.

If you have any questions regarding the course or would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact us at ssirling@sackvilleschool.org.uk or hbuckley@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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