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Dear Families

Year 12 - Photography Equipment

Photography is an exciting course offered at Sackville School and a very popular 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**. These can be picked up second hand relatively cheaply; though please check the camera is fully working before the course starts. As a back-up, the department has the facility to lend non-digital (film) SLRs and digital cameras on a day return basis. We have found camerajungle.co.uk to be a good site for second hand purchases.

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 **£120.00** which will cover the cost of the following materials:

- 2 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
- 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 under the products section. In order to be able to issue students with their new logbooks, we would be very grateful if these payments could be made as soon as possible.

If you wish to discuss paying in instalments, please email me at sstirling@sackvilleschool.org.uk. Alternatively, the department has set up a student account at Allphotos in Worthing with free delivery every Wednesday for purchases over £20.00. Students should seek advice from staff before purchasing equipment from retailers.

If you were in receipt of the Pupil Premium government grant in year 11 please contact Mrs Plumb in the sixth form office regarding the 16 -19 bursary.

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.

Yours sincerely

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