



7th October 2020
LMS/ts/alevelphotography

Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Photography (Art and Design)

I am delighted that your son/daughter has chosen to study Photography for A Level. The course encourages students to develop their creative, imaginative, investigative, analytical, experimental and interpretative skills to realise personal intentions relevant to photography. Students will gain an understanding and appreciation of photography and learn how sources relate to historical, contemporary, social, cultural and issues-based contexts.

There will be one coursework unit – Personal Investigation (worth 60% of their grade) which will be teacher led for the first part of the year and then students will be encouraged to develop their investigation with more independence. This is followed by an externally set assignment, usually set on 31st January by AQA.

Students do not need to bring their own camera to school as we will be setting the tasks to take photographs at home and then manipulate them in school, but they can do at their own risk. We do require students have either a USB lead or hard drive to transfer the photos to the school computers.

We will be working in an A2 portfolio to start with then into a sketchbook (A3), if you would like to purchase a pack from school it will cost £20.00 and payment should be made via the Art & Photography Supplies item on ParentPay, please indicate in the notes box that payment is for the Photography Pack, alternatively you could source one for yourself if you prefer, but students will need to have one. Payment can also be made by cheque with the completed slip at the end of this letter. For security purposes we request that you do not make payments in cash, the Academy cannot be held responsible for the non-receipt of cash payments from students. If not paying online, please return the slip and payment as appropriate via the financial mailbox (located in the Atrium by the exit to the tennis/netball courts) in an envelope marked Photography Pack and for the attention of Mrs Woodburn. *If you have mislaid your log in details, please contact Mrs Shirley Woodburn on 01672 519567 or by emailing swoodburn@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk.*

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Spokes
Head of Arts Faculty



Please return slip and **cheque** payment to the Financial Mailbox in the Atrium. These should be in an envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Shirley Woodburn and A Level Photography (Art & Design) must also be detailed on it. Cheques should be made payable to 'St John's Marlborough'.

Reply Slip

Name:**Yr/Tgrp**.....

I would like my son/daughter to have an **A3 Sketchbook, A2 Flip file and A2 carry case - Photography Pack**

- I enclose £20.00 for this. Free School Meals / PP Student – no charge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

