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Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE Photography Update

I am writing to update you on important information we have had regarding the exam unit for GCSE Photography.

Our exam board AQA have confirmed that the exam unit worth 40% of your child's GCSE has been **cancelled**. The coursework unit they have been working on since Spring 2021 will now make up **100%** of their GCSE mark.

Their subject teacher has informed them of this information, and we have explained to students what will happen regarding submission of this unit.

For your information

All students will be working to their original hand in deadline for the coursework unit. This will be the last lesson they have with their class teacher before we break up for the Christmas holidays. In this lesson they will hand in their A3 sketchbooks, final outcomes and any additional work they have produced to date.

When we return in January until **April 8th** all students will produce additional work to go alongside their coursework unit – this might be areas they feel could strengthen their portfolio, additional photoshoots, editing or alternative outcomes. Their teachers will be happy to advise them on this.

Students will have 2 weeks to produce an outcome/additional development piece before they move on to another area that needs strengthening. Every 2 weeks these additional outcomes will be added to their coursework unit which will be stored securely in school.

Students are free to work on additional pages for their A3 sketchbooks at home should they choose too and add these to their folders up until the April deadline.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to email me directly at eobrien@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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