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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT

I am writing to you regarding your son/daughter's GCSE option in Photography. The subject, by its nature, includes practical resources and home study. With this in mind, we request that students are equipped with a basic photography kit of items that are essential for completing the course.

These essential items can be obtained from any supplier, or they can be purchased through the [school shop](#) at a substantially lower price than is generally available to the public.

Essential Photography Kit:

- x2 A4 display books (£2.50 each)
- 32GB SDHC memory card (£9.50)

If ordering from the [school shop](#), please do so by Friday 8 August. Items ordered by this date will be handed out to students as soon as possible in the new term. Additional A4 display books and memory cards are available for purchase from the school shop throughout the school year as and when required.

Throughout the course, students will be asked to print out and exhibit their best photographs onto A5/A4/A3 high quality glossy photo paper. We have specialist Canon photo printers in school available to the students, for which they will be charged 25p/50p/£1 according to paper size (this covers the cost of both the paper and printer inks). We recommend keeping your son/daughter's printer credit topped up to enable them to print when required.

Due to the nature of photography as a subject it is important that students can capture photographs outside school at home. Although it is not essential that students have a stand-alone camera, it is important they can capture photographs outside school. With developing technology most smartphones have great cameras that many students use at home for their photography.

Students can book out a school camera on loan for the weekend should they wish to, but a copy of your home insurance should be brought into school first showing that the equipment would be covered should any accidents occur.

Many parents and carers get in touch each year to ask about camera equipment to purchase at home, and although there is no pressure to buy anything, if you are looking to purchase a digital camera it may be helpful for you to know what equipment we use for teaching in school. We use Canon cameras – mostly the 2000D model (a few 4000D) with a standard 18-55mm lens. A tripod or camera steady is also a useful tool for experimenting with different forms of photography, and you can even get some great ones for mobile phones too.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cooper in the finance office by 8 August at icooper1@waddesdonschool.com

Yours faithfully

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