



1 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 9 Photography GCSE

I am writing to inform you that in response to student and parent feedback we have made the decision to continue to run the Photography GCSE course for the current year 9 cohort of students.

Although we feel that the Graphics course would have enriched the student's skill set over the three years and contextualised their photographic responses in a broader sense; we very much value your input and our student voice.

Neither decision has been made lightly and I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the importance of independent enquiry with regards to photoshoots and homework tasks. One of the barriers we are continually coming up against is the need for students to organise themselves to either borrow or use their own equipment to carry out shoots on location and bring these to the lesson. These shoots are imperative in order for students to be successful on this course and for students to get the most out of their lessons which are heavily reliant on these shoots being carried out. In year 10 and 11 we would expect the vast majority of shoots to take place outside of the classroom; this would take place on an almost weekly basis as homework.

We would ask that you support us in ensuring your child is dedicating the time and commitment needed in order for him/her to succeed and to perform to his/her full potential. Please could you complete and return the slip below at your soonest convenience.

Kind Regards

Sarah Harris
Head of Art and Photography

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PERMISSION SLIP – Year 9 GCSE Photography

Student Name: *(please print)* _____ Form: _____

- I am committed to ensuring my son/daughter independently supports their learning in carrying out shoots on a weekly basis to facilitate their work in class.
- I understand that my son/daughter will not be able to access the assessment criteria of the Photography GCSE course without photoshoots.

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Please return this permission slip to the Art Office by Friday 15 March 2019.