



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer

A LEVEL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: STARTING SEPTEMBER 2020

Your son/daughter has put their name down to study A Level Digital Photography starting in September this year.

Here are some tips for success and some course requirements that we thought you needed in preparation for this course.

It is essential that all photographs taken on the course are stored safely, electronically, with the best printed out on good photographic paper. To this end we have put together a set of basic equipment needed for doing this course. This equipment is required, but you don't have to purchase it through school (although we get this and sell it at cost price).

You will need an **SD card**, an **SD card reader** a **memory pen**, some **glue** and an **A2 portfolio** to store photos and sketchpads safely. Each set of all five items costs **£15.00** – as mentioned you don't have to buy these from school, but if you would like to buy a set from us please pay online through ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) before September, so that it will be ready for collection in their first lesson in September. *Please tick the consent box for this.*

You might also find it useful to get an external hard drive for pupils to store photos on rather than take up space on your home computer.

Printing of photographs will also need to be done (usually A4 size) – but this will be a selection from those done on the course. We have some printing facilities for photography in the Art Department, but we have found that it is cheaper and easier to get these printed commercially (Asda/Boots/Tesco online or at Photobox online or you might have printing facilities at home). Printing costs can be expensive, but the photos look a lot better when printed professionally. We also mount a selection of work up for the final exhibition and we sell mount board at 50p for A4 and £1.00 for A3. But we do this at the end of the course.

In addition to these costs we will take the photographers out, probably twice in the year, to conduct research both locally and to London and other places that suit exam and coursework themes etc. If your son/daughter has a digital camera then they should use this, although we do have a range of small cameras and a few SLR's.

I hope this gives you a bit of advance warning! We try to minimise costs but if there are any problems with funding the initial start-up pack, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Martin Sloan
Head of Art