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Dear Parent/Carer

Photography Exam Information – A Level

I would like to thank you for your support so far with your son/daughters A Level Photography course, it has not gone unnoticed and makes all the difference.

I am writing to inform you of the exam arrangements for the upcoming 15 hour controlled assessment in A Level Photography. This controlled exam will take place across three days on **Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 May**. Days one and two will commence at **08:30am** and will see students sit 6 hours on each day with the remaining 3 hours being sat on the third day, starting also at **08:30am**. Students will have their break and lunch as usual with break on day one being slightly later. This is because the specification requires students to sit the first two hours consecutively. Students will **not** be required to attend tutor time on either day one or two.

The purpose of the exam is for students to reach an outcome which realises intentions and concludes their externally set assignments which we have been working on since the start of February.

In accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) the exam will follow identical rules to those conducted in the main exam hall.

These include:

- No eating
- Drinking only water from clear bottles without labels
- No talking
- No phones or smart watches

There are some additional rules which are specific to the Art and Design controlled assessments which are crucial that we follow:

- All preparatory work **MUST** be brought to the first day of the exam and is to be handed in upon arrival. If a student fails to bring their preparatory work to the first day of the controlled assessment this could result in their **disqualification** from A Level Photography and will inevitably impact their grade.
- This preparatory work **CANNOT** be added to but can be read and referred to as the exam progresses
- Internet access during the controlled assessment is forbidden and shall be disabled during this time
- All work **MUST** remain in the exam room at all times including overnight between sittings

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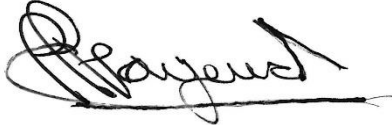
- No additional work can be brought from home to the second day of the controlled assessment
- All work completed during the controlled assessment must be clearly indicated
- Coursework for the Externally Set Assignment CANNOT be added to after the conclusion of the Controlled Assessment
- The full 15 hours MUST be completed by all students

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are sufficiently equipped for the exam, this includes; bringing all images/negatives to the exam, having sufficient printing credit and the correct writing equipment. If your son/daughter had one of the A Level Photography material packs then all inkjet photopaper and mountboard is supplied to those students as part of this pack.

If a student requires use of the darkroom then this must be made clear to myself no later than one week in advance of the exam so that it is ready for their use during the exam time.

I thank you again for your continued support and urge that if you do have any questions regarding exam arrangements in photography that you contact me here at the College.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hayward', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Hayward
Teacher of Photography