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Dear Parent/Carer

A-Level Photography

I am delighted that your son/daughter has chosen to study Photography at A-Level and wish them every success with their studies. As a reminder I have set out below some details regarding the course.

At A-Level students are assessed on a personal investigation worth 60% and an externally set unit worth 40%. Alongside this they will be expected to produce a 3000 word essay. They will begin their personal investigation in Year 12 and continue through to February of Year 13. They will then complete the externally set exam unit over a period of weeks culminating in a timed final piece.

All Photography students will require the use of a camera. The college has a range of these available for students to use, however, we do encourage students to invest in their own 35mm SLR manual camera where possible. Having their own camera, students are able to become familiar with it and ensure they always have one available when required. Second hand 35mm SLR manual cameras tend to be reasonably priced and are readily available through camera shops, car boot sales, e-bay or local newspapers. I recommend a second hand semi-automatic 35mm SLR camera such as a Canon eos as these are very reasonably priced and extremely reliable. Anything similar to this will be fine.

Students are required to meet the costs involved in creating photographs. In this respect, there is an annual fee of £40 that covers a portfolio for keeping their work in, all chemicals, a glue stick and four black and white films. The annual fee also includes a contribution towards the cost of mount card.

Students will need to supply their own photographic paper that can be purchased from the department at a cost of £10.00 per 25 sheets. In addition, students will require up to 4 sketchbooks. A4 size sketchbooks are currently £3.00 each and A3 are £5.00 each. These can be purchased from the college as and when required. All items will need to be paid for in the shop area on WisePay.

As the course involves both darkroom and digital photography, it would be helpful if students have a digital camera they can use to record images in their own time. A small compact camera will be perfectly suitable. Otherwise, they can use their mobile phones.

It is vital that students keep up with deadlines and use their lesson time and free time effectively.

Please make the payment online through the shop area on WisePay. Can I also ask that you return the paper reply slip at the end of this letter to myself, Mrs Edwards, by 30th September so I have a record of what has been contributed. Your support in this respect is greatly appreciated.



Should you have any queries about the above or any payment concerns please contact me at:
ledwards@elycollege.co.uk where I will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully



Mrs L Edwards
Head of Art and Photography



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To Mrs Edwards, Ely College - A-Level Photography (2022-2023)

Student's Name Form

I have paid £55 online (preferred option) to pay for the annual fee (£40), 1 box of 25 x 8x4 Ilford photographic paper (£10) and an A3 sketchbook (£5)* *(all students will start with an A3 book and can buy either A4 or A3 books as and when they need them after that).*

Parent/Carer Name (Block Capitals).....

Parent/Carer Signature.....

Date.....