

21 June 2022

**GCSE Photography Study Visit to Birmingham City Centre – 15 July 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of your child's GCSE Photography course, the Photography department is running an external study visit to Birmingham City Centre, which your child must attend to develop their GCSE coursework portfolio.

This educational visit aims to help students develop real-world skills whilst using a DSLR camera, whilst allowing students to develop their understanding of photographic processes. Students will be able to take an excellent variety of images that can be utilised to create outcomes. These images and outcomes will contribute to the development of their GCSE coursework portfolio.

This will be a day packed with exploration of Birmingham City Centre and its landmarks. All students are expected to walk around Birmingham taking photographs at various points of interest. Students must wear appropriate footwear, as a matter of health and safety. Students who do not comply with this will not be able to take part. Students must bring a bottle of water to keep hydrated throughout the day.

**Trip Details**

<b>Date</b>	Friday 15 July 2022
<b>Time</b>	Students must meet in West Canteen at 8:30am, at the very latest, so equipment can be handed out ready to depart at 9:00am. Students will return to school at 1:00pm, and will be dismissed at 1:30pm
<b>Location</b>	Birmingham City Centre
<b>Travel</b>	Coach
<b>Cost</b>	Free
<b>Lunch</b>	Students may bring a packed lunch with them or purchase something to eat from Birmingham City Centre. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, they can request to receive a packed lunch from school
<b>Clothing</b>	Weather is unpredictable, students must dress accordingly. Students are not required to wear school uniform; however, suitable footwear is non-negotiable
<b>Staff</b>	Head of Photography, Class Teachers and Support Staff
<b>Insurance</b>	The City Council covers all legal liability of the Council to young people on the visit but does not provide personal accident cover where the Council has no liability. A full risk assessment for the entire trip has been completed by the school

To secure a place for your child on this trip, you must complete the consent form via ParentPay by **7 July 2022**. To do this, you must activate your ParentPay account using the details provided to you via email. Any consent forms received after 7 July 2022 will not be processed and pupils will not be permitted to attend this trip.

The Trip Leader reserves the right to remove any pupil from the trip *if* their behaviour in school is unsafe or concerning.

Should you have any queries or would like further information about this trip, please contact me on 0121 783 7807.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Holtom  
**Head of Photography**