



24 June 2025

Year 11 GCSE Photography Study Visit to Elvaston Castle

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of your child's GCSE Photography course, the Photography department is running an external study visit to Elvaston Castle, Derbyshire, 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 the country park and all its landmarks. All students are expected to participate on the photo walk 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

Date	Tuesday 9 September 2025
Time	Students must meet in West Canteen at 08:30, at the very latest, so equipment can be handed out ready to depart at 09:00. Students will return to school at 14:30, and will be dismissed at 15:10
Location	Elvaston Castle, Derbyshire
Travel	Coach
Cost	Free
Lunch	Students are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and water with them. During the visit there will be limited access to snacks from the café at the location. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, they can request to receive a packed lunch from school
Clothing	Weather is unpredictable, students must dress accordingly. Students are not required to wear school uniform; however, suitable footwear is non-negotiable
Staff	Director of Creative Design, Class Teachers and Support Staff
Insurance	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 and return the attached consent form by **29 August 2025**. Any consent forms received after this date 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,

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