

May 2026

Year 11 Elvaston Castle - Photo Walk – September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of your child's GCSE Photography course, the department is organising a required study visit to Elvaston Castle in Derbyshire to support coursework. Your child will attend one of the dates below; the selected date will appear on your ParentPay.

This visit will help pupils build real-world skills using a DSLR camera and deepen their understanding of photographic techniques. They will capture a variety of images to use as outcomes, all of which will contribute to their GCSE coursework portfolio.

Pupils will spend the day exploring the country park and all its landmarks, taking photographs at key locations. Appropriate footwear is required for health and safety; pupils without it are not permitted to participate. Please also bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

Trip Details

Date	7 September 2026 / 8 September 2026 / 9 September 2026 / 10 September 2026
Time	Pupils must meet in West Canteen at 08:30, at the very latest, so equipment can be handed out ready to depart at 09:00. Pupils will return to school at 14:30, and will be dismissed at the normal time
Location	Elvaston Castle, Derbyshire
Travel	Coach
Cost	Free
Lunch	Pupils 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, pupils 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 submit the consent form via ParentPay by **3 July 2026**. 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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