



12th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to share an important update regarding the final stages of the Year 11 GCSE Photography course.

Students break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 27th March, which means there are now just 12 school days and approximately 4 hours of photography lessons remaining before they return after Easter and the GCSE Photography exam period begins.

At this stage, it is crucial that students are using their time effectively to complete and refine their coursework portfolios. Unfortunately, there are a number of students who still have outstanding work, and I am seeing very few students attending the additional support sessions available.

To help students catch up and ensure they are in the best possible position before the exam period, I am offering several additional opportunities for them to work on their photography:

- Period 6 booster sessions Tuesday and Thursday
- Opportunities to do work during Core PE
- A weekend booster session on Saturday 21st March, 10:30am – 3:00pm

Students who attended the previous weekend session found it extremely beneficial and were surprised at how much work they were able to complete in a focused environment.

In addition, during the first week of the Easter holidays I will also be in school for students who would like to attend for a final push before the exam period:

- Monday 30th March – 10:00am to 3:00pm
- Tuesday 31st March – 10:00am to 3:00pm

These longer sessions give students valuable time to photograph, edit, and develop their portfolio work with support available.

I would also greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete photoshoots outside of school over the next two weeks. Many students need to gather additional images in response to the artists they have researched and to further develop their project ideas. I will be having individual conversations with each student during the final week of term about what they intend to create during their 10-hour exam for their final response, so it is very important that these photoshoots are completed before then. Your support in helping them find time to take photographs – whether that is at home, locally, or when out and about – would make a huge difference.

I would really appreciate your support by speaking with your child about the importance of attending the additional sessions available. With only a matter of weeks until their final exam and the submission of all GCSE Photography work, committing to these sessions and completing work outside of lessons could make a significant difference to the quality and completeness of their portfolio.

Thank you in advance for your support in encouraging your child to take advantage of these opportunities during this crucial final stage.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Richards', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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