



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 GCSE Photography Trip : Tuesday, 21 May

The Art department is organising a trip to Bristol for Year 10 Photography students as part of their first coursework project. We expect all students to take part in this trip, as it is important for them to learn about how to plan, prepare and finish a whole project. This will form part of their coursework, which accounts for 60% of their final grade.

The trip will take place on **Tuesday, 21 May**. All students should meet in **their usual classroom** as soon as they have registered with their tutors. We will travel to Bristol by coach, departing from Backwell School at 9.00 am and returning at around 3.00 pm, so that students can download their photos from the trip on their return.

This visit will offer the students a chance to develop their skills and gain first-hand experience of working on location, which is a vital part of their course. During the day we will be walking around the Harbour Side, through Corn Street Market and up to Broadmead, taking photographs and experimenting with different styles and techniques already discussed in class. After lunch we will finish our shoot in Clifton, taking photos of the Suspension Bridge. Students will be supervised, but we will be trusting them to work independently and act in a sensible and responsible manner, not only for their own safety, but also for the protection of the equipment they will be using and as ambassadors of Backwell School.

The students will need to wear suitable clothing, non-school uniform, and sensible footwear, for walking around Bristol. We recommend they bring a raincoat or umbrella in case it rains. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and drinks, and a pen and sketchbook or notepad where they can record camera settings and other observations.

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Students will be provided with cameras or they can bring their own equipment, as long as it is fully manual. It will be up to each student, however, to safeguard all belongings. Please ensure that batteries are fully charged for the day!

For your information, the school has a school trip insurance policy that covers individual items up to a maximum value of £2,000 (excess £50). Therefore, please do not allow your son/daughter to travel with any personal equipment about which you are uncomfortable unless it is adequately covered by your own household insurance. If there are any issues with this, then please contact me before the day of the trip.

To cover the cost of transport, we are asking for a contribution of £5.00 per student. Please make payment via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, by **Friday, 17 May**. If you have any queries regarding ParentPay, please contact the Finance Team on their direct line, 01275 465941. If your son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals, we will pay the cost of this trip from your personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding.

Please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the Finance Department **by Friday, 17 May**.

We would like all students to have this opportunity, but if payment causes any financial difficulties, please contact us and the matter will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely

K Dexter
Photography Department

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Please return to the Finance Department by Friday, 17 May.

NAME OF STUDENT: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Year 10 Photography trip to Bristol on Tuesday, 21 May.

- I have made payment of £5.00 via ParentPay.
- OR**
- My son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals. Please make payment on my behalf.

AND

- My son/daughter will bring his/her own camera on the day.
- OR**
- My son/daughter will need to borrow school equipment for the day.

(Please tick as appropriate.)

Emergency contact name: _____ Telephone: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer