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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the GCSE Photography mock exam I would like to take Year 10 photography students to Ely Cathedral. The visit will take place in their actual photography lessons and weather permitting will take place in March.

Students will be taking photographs outside the Cathedral and the surrounding area in order to capture the most creative views of the building. Photographers must aim to gather as many varied images as possible in order to meet the exam assessment objectives.

During the Mock preparation period of 10 weeks they will need to build a thorough body of work within a sketchbook in preparation for a final 10-hour timed piece which will be produced in the darkroom over two full consecutive days.

The 10-week mock exam begins on 6th March so students will need to ensure they have a supply of photographic paper to ensure they make full use of the darkroom during their lessons. We sell this at £9 a box for 25 sheets of 8X4.

In addition to this visit, students will also have the opportunity to photograph a variety of birds of prey. The Raptor Foundation in Huntingdon will visit Ely College on Thursday 9th March. Group 10C photographers will need to attend the Raptor Foundation visit during period 3 and group 10D's session will take place during their actual photography lesson in period 4.

Students will have the opportunity to capture close up shots of the Raptor's birds, shots gathered will be used in their mock exam preparation. If students have their own digital cameras it would be beneficial if they could bring them on the days of both visits, the photography department will supply manual cameras for students to use.

There is no cost for either visit but we do need to ensure we have your permission for student's to participate. Please complete the form below and return it to either Ms Ryan or Mrs Edwards by **3rd March at the latest.**

Please feel free to contact me at school should you have any queries on dryan@elycollege.co.uk

Yours faithfully

D. Ryan

Ms D Ryan
Teacher of Photography





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To: Mrs Edwards/Ms Ryan - **GCSE Photography: Ely Cathedral/Raptor Foundation**

Student Name Form

I give permission for my child to participate in the Ely Cathedral trip and Raptor Foundation Visit.

Parent/Carer Signature Date

Day time contact number

Please note any medical conditions affecting your child that may impact on this trip on the reverse of this slip.