

10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Students

### **RGSHW CO-CURRICULAR – Photography Club**

We are very excited to be launching this new co-curricular programme at RGS. Photography is the great modern art form, showing us the world we live in and helping to educate and enlighten. Photographers capture the world's important stories and tell the smaller stories as well, from sunrise over the ocean to the first footprint on the Moon. Every day we see the world and our own lives through a series of framing rectangles, both moving and still images. Moments of time flowing together, or caught in an instant and set forever.

We aim to support students of all levels regardless of their previous experience as long as they have a passion. Sessions will vary week to week. There will be specific weekly projects and discussions, focus on more technical aspects and theories such as the exposure triangle, golden ratio, composition, lighting as well as the use of equipment (both digital and 35mm film) and some sessions will be focussed on the work of well-known photographers.

The famous photographer **Chase Jarvis once said “the best camera is the one that's with you”**, so grab your smart phones, compact cameras or full DSLR's and share your journey, your unique world view, as part of the RGSHW community.

### **Club Details**

**Please complete the following expression of interest form if you would like to be considered for a place - <https://forms.office.com/r/iEAA0qnQcb>**

- 25 places open initially to any pupil currently in Years 10-13
- After school every Tuesday from 3.35-4.45 in Art 2.
- Provisionally we will look to hold our first session on 1<sup>st</sup> November after the half term holiday
- Termly donation £25 (£12.50 for the initial half term) to subsidise the cost of film, equipment, resources & printing etc.

### **Equipment request/donations**

**In order for us to support students we would gladly accept donations of any old or unused equipment.** Our primary needs are for cameras (Nikon or Canon interchangeable lens or DSLR's would be particularly useful as I know the system but any donation is welcome, digital or film), lenses, and tripods; however, most photography items would be cherished and put to good use by students. Would you please take a second and look through your wardrobes and lofts? If you've outgrown your kit lens, or upgraded your camera to a newer body, or have an older tripod, I can find a home for it.

I am very excited by this new opportunity within school and hope that it will be an inspiration for a number of students. My own passion for photography has given me the opportunity to capture images all over the world. I have included below a few sample images from my portfolio in the hope that this may motivate and encourage others.

See you after half term!

Yours sincerely,

**Dominic Clatworthy** *FRGS*

**Director of Co-Curricular Education RGS HW**

