



# St Mary's and St John's CE School

*"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)*

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Dear Parent/Carer

St Mary's and St John's School works with Film Skool, an organisation offering extra-curricular programmes to develop skills in all processes of film-making from inception of plot to acting and cutting, prior to show-casing the finished films. Students develop technical skills at the same time as working collaboratively with peers here at school and also from other local schools such as Henrietta Barnett School, East Barnet School, Dwight International School, Chancellors and Palmers Green High School. The 'Film Skool' is supported by the Institute of Education and Mayfair Curzon cinema and is open to all students in the school. It will be structured as follows:

- A 60 minute workshop each week, after school for a five week period. In this time, students will be given an opportunity to write a number of professional short films in groups.
- We anticipate the course will start on the following date: **From 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and workshops will be every Monday after school for five weeks during term time.**
- After the five week workshop, one day will be provided for students to shoot their films using industry standard digital filmmaking equipment. Students will also have the chance to shoot their short films using high end DSLR cameras. They will also be given the opportunity to spend a weekend editing their films using Final Cut to create a professional product (filming and editing sessions will be carried out during the weekends, however this should not prevent those who participate in other activities during the weekend because each individual would be required to give up only 1 day which would be the shooting date for their film).
- There will be a professional cinematographer to operate the camera and show students how to light scenes and frame shots.

The cost of the course is £100.00 per pupil and requires the participation of 35 students in order to run, this will be added to ParentPay and will be available on a first come first serve basis. The course fees pay for the following:

- Tutor fees
- Cinematographer fees
- Reprographics budget
- Editing suite hire/Equipment hire
- Cinema screening for the film at the Mayfair Curzon cinema in the West End
- Special edition DVD of finished films

By the end of the 'Film Skool', students would have written and directed a number of short films using industry standard equipment. The final films will be screened at a West End cinema and so students will have their own 'Film Skool' premiere where they can invite family and friends.

The 'Film Skool' course can be used as an activity (Media and Communication and Creative Arts) under the skills section for students that embark on the Duke of Edinburgh course.

If you would like your child to participate in the 'Film Skool', please make a payment of £100 on parent pay and complete the attached slip, to be returned to the school office by **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at the latest. Please note that it will only be possible for the 'Film Skool' to accept the first 35 interested students for each course. As in every year of offering this activity, places will be offered on a strictly first come first served basis.

If you have any questions regarding the 'Film Skool', please do not hesitate to contact Ms Thomas.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Alam  
Teacher of Media Studies  
'Film Skool' Coordinator

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**REPLY SLIP - Please return to the School Office by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the latest:**

I would like my child: \_\_\_\_\_ PAM: \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the 'Film Skool' offered to students of SMSJ and I agree to pay the course fee of £100.00 before the course begins, which is available on ParentPay .

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_