

# AQA

## GCSE Photography



### Why should I study GCSE Photography?



- You enjoy all aspects of today's media world.
- You enjoy taking photographs all the time.
- You like using digital media and software
- You have basic drawing skills
- You also enjoy art & design and its range of media
- You have imagination and ideas

### What will I study?

#### Year 10



You will learn about basic photography skills and how to edit and manipulate your photographs using Photoshop through a studying the photography of others and responding to their style within a project theme. The first 4 short projects are 'alphabet', 'objects', 'places' and 'light trails'. This collection of work will contribute to 'Component 1' which is 60% of your grade. You will also have the opportunity to work with Photographer Chris Vaughn doing some movement and light trail workshops.

#### Portfolio (starts at Easter in Year 10)

This body of work is based on the theme 'Identity' and is a big sustained project which forms the bulk of component 1. You will develop skills learned earlier in the course to build a body of work which includes recording, contextual links and experimenting with media. This work will be finalised with a personal photographic response you have created which relates to the set theme and links all your project work together. You will also experience a short Mock project and 3 hours practical exam in November of year 11.

#### Externally set task (starts January in Year 11)

Students will develop a project from a choice of themes on the exam paper and work towards their final outcome which is done in a 10 hour exam. This is 'Component 2' of the course and the remaining 40% of the grade.

### How will I be assessed?



#### Component 1 – Collection of year 10 work and Portfolio 60%

A portfolio of work developed under controlled assessment.

#### Component - Set task 40%

Pupils have 12 weeks to prepare for a ten hour exam based on a selected starting point.

### Which skills will I develop and use?



Students are taught to:

- Analyse the work of existing photographers
- Take good quality photographs
- Consider lighting and use a range of modes in the camera
- Edit photographs to create unique imagery
- Be proficient using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator software
- Be independent learners and utilise their phones and apps too.

### How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?



The study of this course could lead to any of the following: National Diploma in Art and Design; Foundation courses; A Level Art, Photography, Media studies, Graphics, Textiles, Product Design; and a wide range of degrees (Media, Web design, Advertising, Graphic Communication)

**Everything image you see is created by someone who started with GCSE Photography!**