

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!