

Course Information



A Level Photography

What is A Level Photography?

Photography will allow students the opportunity to explore a number of different photographic techniques and styles that allows them to explore creativity and build on independent thoughts and development and help improve their research and problem solving skill. Students will get to experience a number of different experimentation works including long exposure, digital manipulation, moving imagery, 3D work and Installation. Students will also get the opportunity to work outside the classroom through gallery and museum visits as well as other venues. These visits will allow students to develop their observational and documentation skills further.

What does the course cover?

In the 2 years of this course, students will develop their ability to explore and create interesting investigations from the themes provided to them. They will learn a great number of different photographic techniques and learn about different media, materials and styles that they would have never used before. Students will be able to create work that is personal and creative through a folder and portfolio that will truly show their progression. The skills gained from studying A Level Photography include personal investigations and research, ability to explore the potential of different media as well as show in-depth understanding of the theme and showing a development of ideas and creation of a final outcome. Along with their folder and portfolio work, students will have a number of larger final outcomes to show their thought process.

What themes are studied?

In the first year students will learn about the general basics of Photography to show the examiner they know the basic skills, after this time students will then be given their theme for their coursework which will be continued through until the January of Year 13. In this time they will also write a personal statement to help support their studies that links to their work. It will be at this point students will start their exam preparation and sit their exam. During these studies students will present their responses to the title/s provided.

Assessment

The teachers will assess and mark all units for A Level and the marks are moderated by AQA at the end of the 2 years by presenting their work for an exhibition.

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Practical work	A set practical work on a set topic and a written personal study approx. 1000-3000 words- 60%
Externally Set Work	Preparation time to research and develop ideas then a 15 hour exam- 40%

Course entry requirements

Level 5 or equivalent in a GCSE Art or Photography course.

What next?

There are many opportunities to further your studies in Photography through Universities, Colleges and Work Placements and Apprenticeships. After your studies the career opportunities for students with Photography specialism include media/ film and print, web design, game design, architecture, design, interior design, freelance photographer, wedding photography, portrait photographer, Production photographer, science and medical photographer, advertising, Journalism, museums and galleries, industry, education, schools, colleges and university, child care, security, engineering, marketing and many more.

For more information about the courses, you're suitable for them, and possible career paths for students with photography skills, please talk to Mrs Hawkins or Mrs Redfern, Head of Faculty Art and DT.