

PHOTOGRAPHY GCSE

What are the key features?

Photography is an interesting and demanding subject that allows students to explore and express their own creativity. Students will experiment with a wide range of new materials and processes to extend and explore their visual language. Students will learn how to take quality photographs, analyse their own work and that of others, manipulate their images using industry standard software (Photoshop) and produce personal responses to project titles. Students will cover a range of topics this may include; Disguise, Architecture, Street, Colour, Landscape and new media practice, such as computer manipulated photography.

How is it assessed?

Photography is made up of two units. Unit 1 (Coursework worth 60%) is a portfolio of work which will consist of 2 projects, and additional mini sheets on various topics. Unit 2 is an externally set task (Exam worth 40%). The coursework is divided into three projects. Each project is further divided into four assessment objectives: Developing ideas, Using resources, Recording ideas and Making a response. Work is marked in school and moderated by the examining board.

What particular skills are required to succeed?

Students will need to be a creative, enthusiastic and hardworking with strong observation, co-ordination and presentation skills. Students are also expected to analyse the work of photographers and artists. This requires students to use written skills to record their observations and express their own opinions. Students must be prepared to write in detail, as well as complete the practical work.

Why study this course?

Students should study Photography if they are committed to developing their creative skills, have a natural interest for taking photographs and like researching the work of artists.

What equipment is required?

Other than the usual stationery that is expected in lessons, students will need: use of a digital camera, a card reader and a USB, double sided tape, a pack of A4 and A3 Photo paper, spray mount, 10 Pritt Sticks and an A1 plastic folder.

If I have any questions which teacher(s) do I ask?

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