

GCSE Photography

| INTRODUCTION |
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| <p>GCSE Photography is a practical course that explores practical digital photography and helps you to develop the knowledge and skills to take high quality and varied photographs and to experiment with an edit your photographs professionally and creatively using Photoshop software.</p> |
| WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY DURING THE COURSE? |
| <p>You are required to work in some of the following areas of photography – portraiture, location photography, studio photography, experimental imagery, installation, documentary photography, photo-journalism, moving image (film, video and animation) and fashion photography. You will do this through studying a range of projects that are broad enough that you can develop your own photographic interests that inspire you. You will also have the opportunity to study outside of the classroom on a field visit – a previous visit has been to Crosby Beach and the Albert Dock in Liverpool to explore sea scape and architectural photography.</p> |
| WHAT SKILLS WILL I USE AND DEVELOP? |
| <p>You will learn the technical skill of how to use a DSLR camera so that you can use aperture, depth of field, shutter speed and ISO to produce high quality photographs. You will also learn about lighting, how to compose and arrange a good photograph and how to use Photoshop to experiment with and edit your photographs. In each project you will go through a creative process of researching the work of photographers that inspire you and help you to develop your own ideas, planning photo shoots, taking photographs and experimenting with and editing the photographs using a range of techniques in Photoshop to develop your crea-</p> |
| WHAT EXAMINATIONS WILL I TAKE? |
| <p>AQA GCSE Art and Design – Photography. The course consists of a coursework portfolio which is worth 60% and the externally set assignment which is worth 40%. For the externally set assignment you choose a theme from a selection from the exam board and complete a project on your personal response to the theme. You work on the externally set assignment in Year 11 lessons and complete this in a 10 hour exam.</p> |
| HOW WILL MY WORK BE ASSESSED? |
| <p>Your work will be assessed at the end of each project. It will be assessed using four assessment objectives – AO1 assesses how you develop ideas and link to an artist, AO2 is about experimenting with different techniques, AO3 is about how you record ideas, observations and insights and AO4 is about presenting your final idea.</p> |
| HOW WILL THE COURSE HELP ME WITH MY FUTURE CAREER? |
| <p>The course is excellent preparation for further studies in Photography – either A Level Photography or more vocational courses which in turn can lead to a degree or further professional qualification and careers that are related to photography such as a photographer, photo journalist magazine features editor, teacher and it can be a really valuable skill if you ever set up your own business.</p> |
| WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION? |
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