

PHOTOGRAPHY

EXAM BOARD: AQA

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The Photography course follows a more specialised study than Art & Design and will encourage the same responses. Work produced on this course will demonstrate the use of creative skills to develop individual thoughts, feelings, observations and ideas. Students will be trying to extend their own and others' ways of seeing the world. Students will learn traditional skills but they will also combine this with the use of digital media and Adobe editing suites: Photoshop and Illustrator.

You will develop:

- Intellectual, imaginative, creative and intuitive powers
- Investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical, and expressive skills, aesthetic understanding and critical judgment
- An understanding of the inter-relationships between art, craft and design and an awareness of the contexts in which they operate
- Knowledge and understanding of art, craft and design in contemporary society and in other times and cultures

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

During Year 12 students will develop a portfolio of skills. The emphasis of this year will be on the development of understanding and skills using an appropriate range of materials, processes and techniques. Students should also present at least one extended collection of work or project, based on an idea, concept, theme or issue. This should demonstrate the student's ability to sustain work from an initial starting point to a realisation.

Towards the end of Year 12 students begin Component 1 - here you will develop work for a personal investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material. This will count for 60% of your total A-level marks. In Component 2 you will produce personal work in response to one of seven exciting



MINIMUM GCSE REQUIREMENTS

- Photography/Art grade 4
- A strong interest in Photography is essential

POSSIBLE PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

Photography offers many opportunities to progress. These include, but are not limited to:

- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design
- Higher Education
- Employment

Although the subject prepares students for the creative industries, it also enables them to develop the critical skills needed for a variety of other industries such as marketing, advertising.