

Photography

Course description

Students will be introduced to a variety of experiences that explore a range of photographic media, techniques and processes. They will be made aware of both traditional and new technologies. Students will be able to study a personal project on a theme that interests them and can study a wide area of photography from portraits to landscapes to documentary or even fashion photography.

Course content

Year 1: Technical book— students who have not previously studied Photography will be taught the key techniques and processes. Students will then start a personal project. This is a practical investigation supported by written material. Students are required to conduct a practical investigation, into an idea, issue, concept or theme, supported by written material.

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Course content continued:

The focus of the investigation must be identified independently by the student and must lead to a finished outcome or a series of related finished outcomes. The investigation should be a coherent, in-depth study that demonstrates the student's ability to construct and develop a sustained line of reasoning from an initial starting point to a final realisation. The written element is connected to the project and is between 1000-3000 words.

Assessment (breakdown for the full two year course)

Personal investigation—practical work plus 1000-3000 written work for an example an essay that links to the project, plus a bibliography = 60%

Externally set assignment—Exam paper to be given out

On 1st February—practical project plus 15 hour exam.

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Recommended textbook :

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/art-and-design/as-and-a-level/art-and-design/plan/resource-and-support-guide>

A list of books can be found here, there is no need to purchase these. Learning how to use a camera and Photoshop would be a great place to start, as well as visiting exhibitions for inspiration.

Future pathways

The subject of Photography leads to a wide variety of different professions. Whilst this is not an exhaustive list it does give you an idea of the wide variety of roles that can be accessed after studying Photography:

Commercial and Advertising Photography

Editorial and Press photographer

Fashion photographer

Wedding Photographer

Medical/clinical photographer

Teacher/Lecturer