

**A LEVEL
PHOTO
GRAPHY**



A-Level Photography

SOUTHAM COLLEGE
sixth
FORM



On this course you will...

Be creative...

Be inquisitive...

Learn new skills...

Work digitally and in sketchbooks...

Take amazing photographs...

Experiment...

Explore the world around you...

Express yourself...

5 reasons why you should study Photography at Southam College



- 1) Great if you **LOVE** taking photographs (and *you're really good at it!*).
- 2) To develop your 'creative eye' by capturing the world around you in unusual ways through imagery taken from your perspective.
- 3) Dedicated teaching team. Small, personal teaching groups to maximise learning potential. We have an open-door policy when accessing specialist equipment.
- 3) Gives the opportunity to carry out a 'personal investigation' based on a topic of your choice, where you will demonstrate your practical and theoretical knowledge.
- 5) Numerous career opportunities: Photography also equips you with a range of transferable skills.

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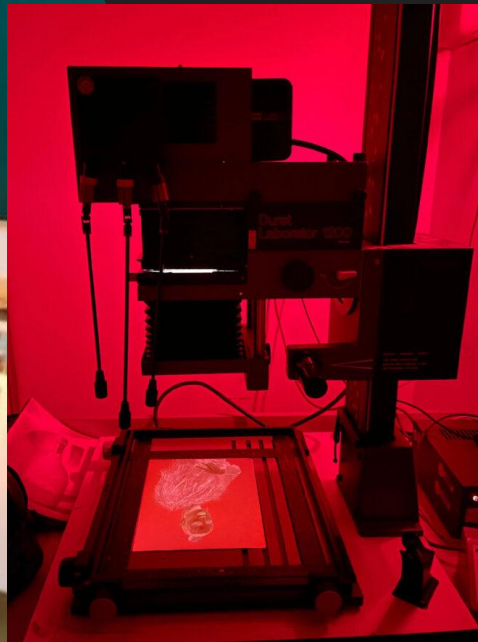
Experiment..

Be creative!

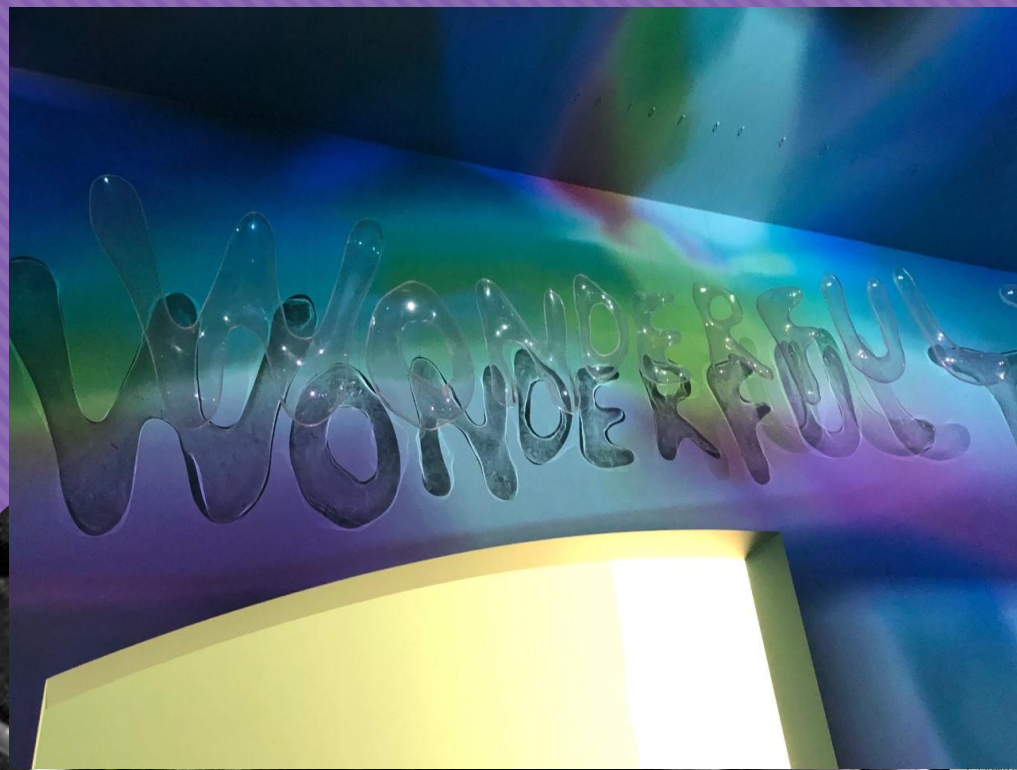
Darkroom and studio



Use professional studio lighting and equipment



Collaborate...



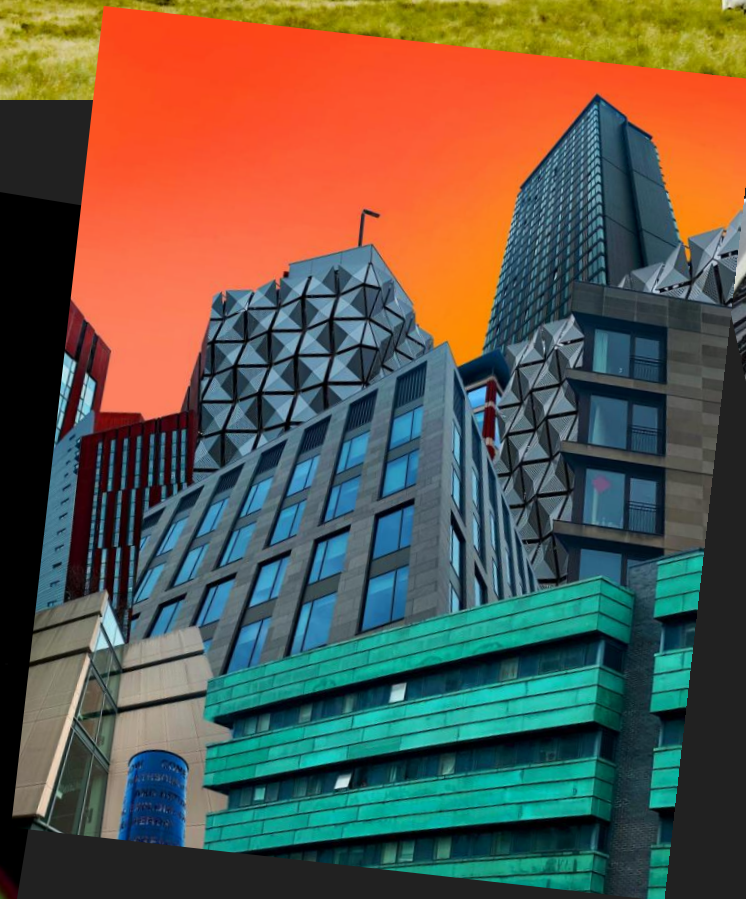
Memorable Experiences...



Photography Topics

- Portraiture
- Landscape photography
- Still-life photography
- Documentary photography
- Photojournalism
- Fashion photography
- Experimental imagery

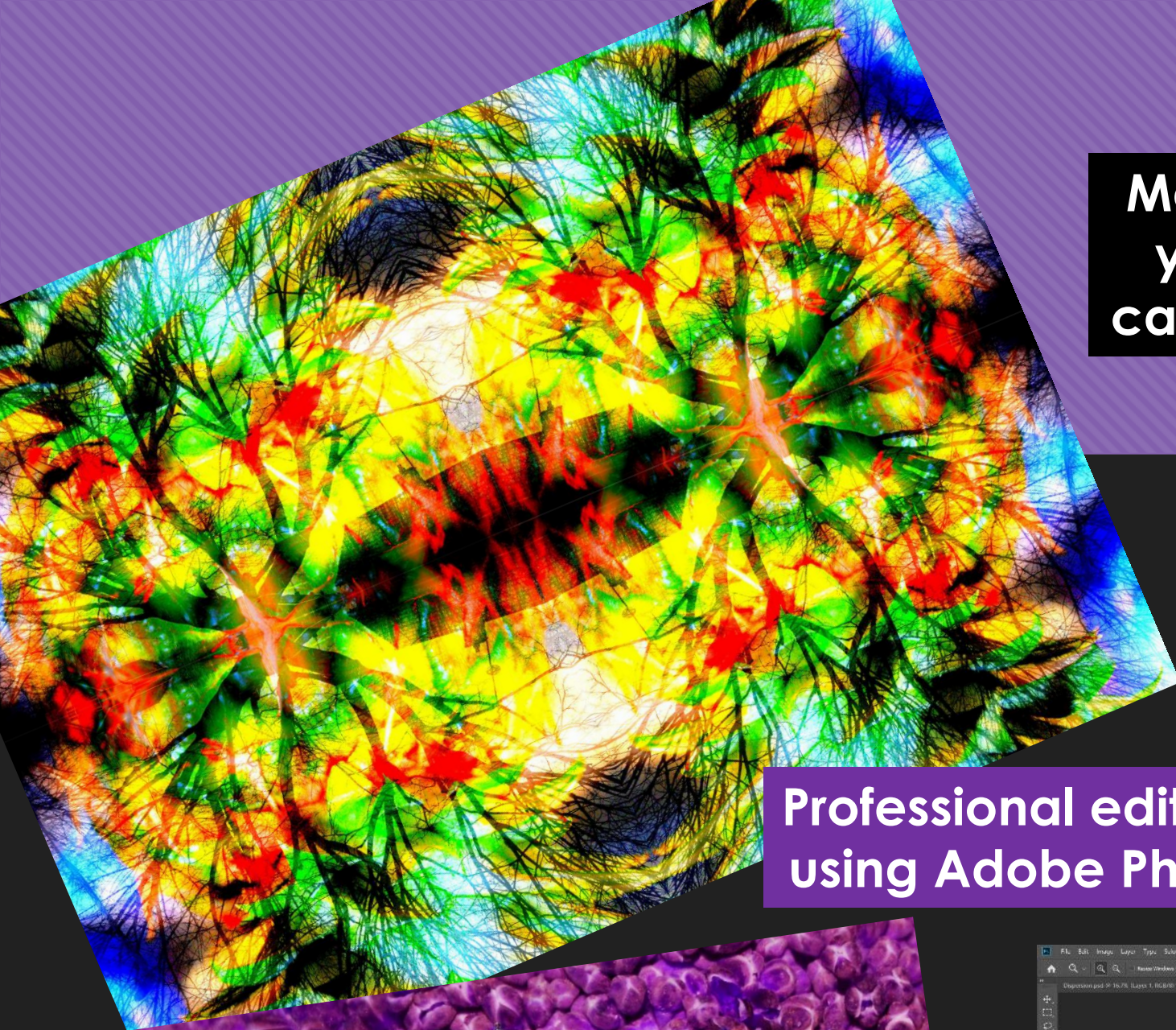
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Creative and Contemporary ways of working...



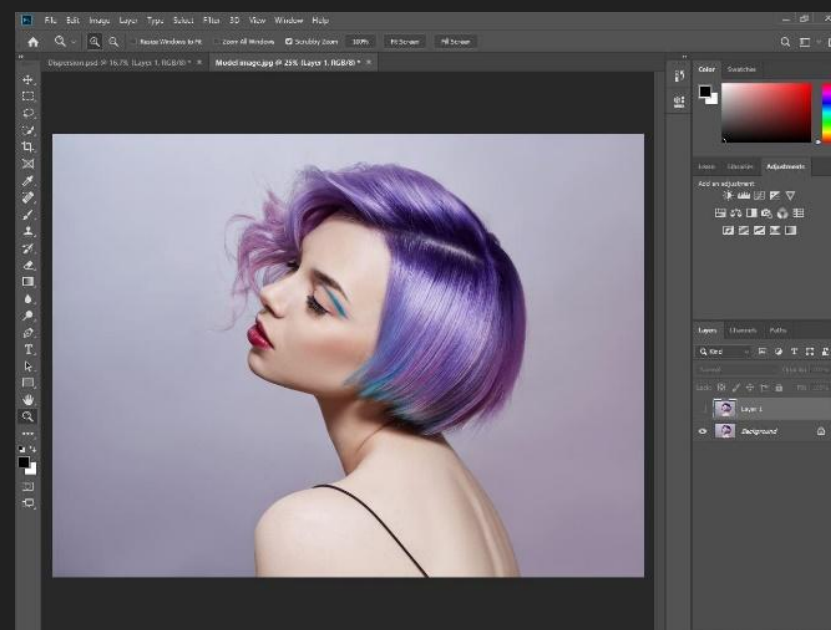
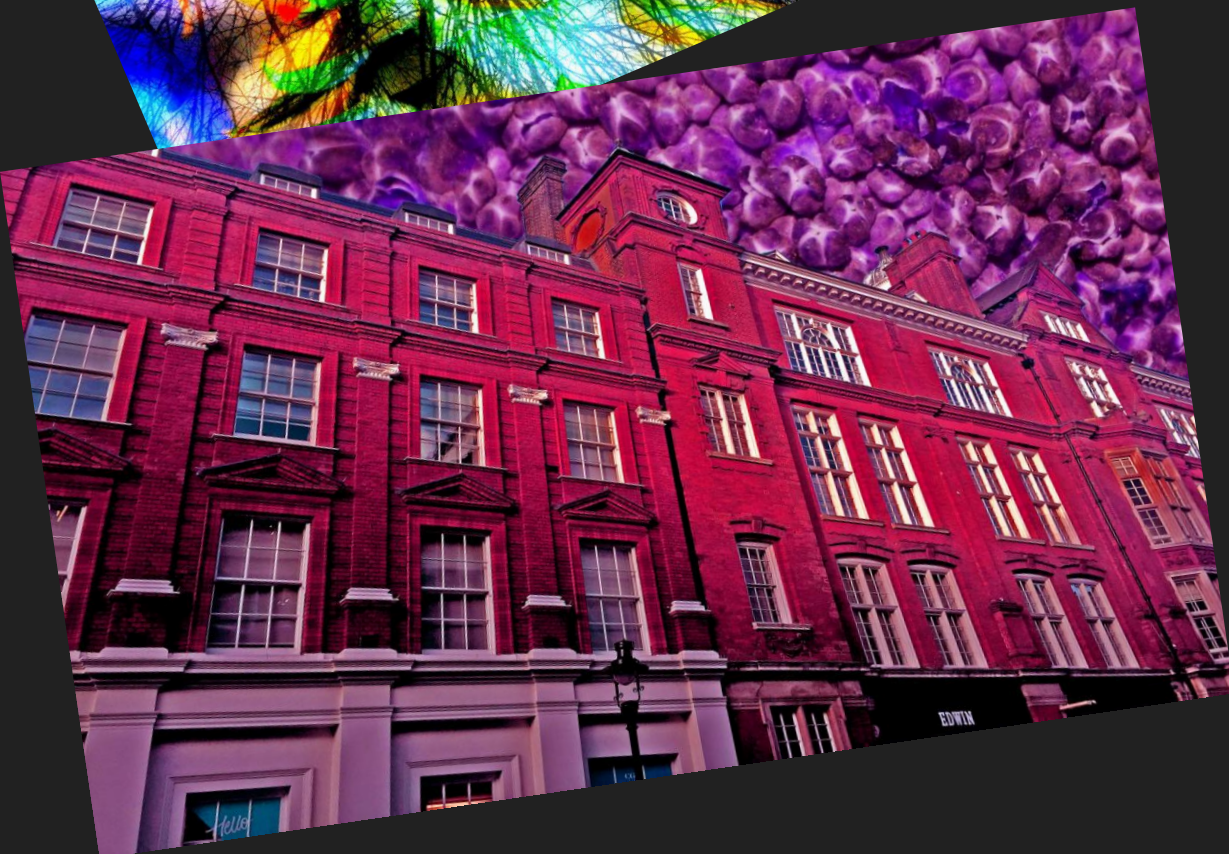
Master
your
camera

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Professional editing skills
using Adobe Photoshop

Learn manual
camera settings:
Aperture, ISO,
Shutter speed



...SO MUCH CREATIVE POTENTIAL!

A logo for 'A Level Photography' featuring the text 'A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: 'A LEVEL' on the top line, 'PHOTO' in the middle, and 'GRAPHY' on the bottom. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving them a 3D appearance as if they are floating or attached to a dark surface. The entire logo is set against a dark blue background with a subtle grid pattern.

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PHOTOGRAPHY A LEVEL IS A **PRACTICAL SUBJECT**, BUT YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO BE ABLE TO **COMMUNICATE YOUR IDEAS** IN WRITING AND TO **ANALYSE AND EVALUATE**.

YOU WILL INVESTIGATE TECHNIQUES, APPROCHES, PROCESSES AND IDEAS.

How you are assessed:

40% **PRACTICAL COURSEWORK PROJECT – THE PERSONAL INVESTIGATION** - Supported by a written personal study that links to the practical work.

THE THEME OF THE COURSEWORK PROJECT IS **CHOSEN BY YOU**, with support from your teacher(s).

60% **EXTERNALLY SET PROJECT – UNKNOWN TOPIC** – which you will complete in year 13, including a 15 hour ‘controlled assessment’.

Quotes from our year 13 Photography students...



“Being challenged to work outside of my comfort zone has led to me becoming a far better photographer.”

“I have learned so much about art history through studying photography – I now have a much better appreciation of art and photography.”

“I have enjoyed the creative freedom to explore my own ideas and work independently whilst knowing I have the support of my teacher(s) who help and guide me.”

“I have more confidence in understanding what makes a great photograph and being able to apply that knowledge in my own work.”

Where can it take me?

Career Opportunities

THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
PROVIDE OVER
1,808,000
JOBS ACROSS THE UK

 **AN INCREASE OF 5.5%**
SINCE 2013



#CREATEUK

DCMS Creative Industries Economic Estimates - June 2015

What transferable skills will you gain/develop?

Think outside the box

Use our imagination

Articulate our ideas

Interpreting our surroundings

Creativity

Self-expression

Teamwork

Resilience

Communication skills

Build your confidence

Determination

Independence

Career progression

- Commercial photographer
- Events photographer
- Fashion photographer
- Filmmaker
- Freelance photographer
- Forensic photographer
- Industrial photographer
- Medical photographer
- Nature photographer
- Photographic illustrator
- Photographic technician
- Teacher
- Photojournalist
- Picture editor
- Sports photographer

Degree options

- Animation
- Commercial photography
- Creative and editorial photography
- Digital media
- Fashion photography
- Film and television
- Film and visual culture
- Forensic photography
- Graphics with photography
- Medical photography
- Visual communication



Entry requirements:

- GCSE Grade 6 or above in Photography or Art
- Grade 5 or above in English.

Our most important entry requirement is an **enthusiasm for taking photos**, so if you do not meet the above entry requirements, application to the course may be considered on an individual basis, through the submission of a portfolio of work. For more information, please speak to the Sixth Form Team, or email Ms Silver, Head of Photography: silver.s@sco.svmat.uk

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