

Subject Information Sheet



Advanced Level

PHOTOGRAPHY



Course Aims:

If you are interested in the world around you and your place within it, enjoy picture taking and would like to learn how to take better photographs that translate into creative and meaningful imagery then you would be very suited to the Photography course.

Studying Photography will give you a greater understanding of the world we live in, and your place within it. You will be encouraged to explore subject themes with a personal interest to ensure that you are always on a meaningful creative journey.

Course Content and Assessment:

Component 1: Personal investigation 60% of qualification (coursework unit).

Component 2: Externally set assignment worth 40% the qualification.

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A Level Overview:

Component 1: Personal Investigation

Learners should produce two elements: (i) an in-depth critical, practical and theoretical investigation project/portfolio and outcome/s based on themes and subject matter that have personal significance

(ii) an extended written response of 1000 words minimum, this may contain images and texts must clearly relate to practical and theoretical work.

Assessment Overview 01: Personal Investigation

120 marks - non-exam assessment (internally assessed and externally moderated) 60% total of A Level

Component 02: Externally set task:

- The externally set assignment materials are released from 1 February (in the second year of the course) and will provide learners with a series of visual and written stimuli.
- A response should be based on one of these options.

Assessment Overview 02: Externally Set Task:

80 Marks - 15 Hours - non exam assessment (internally assessed and externally moderated) 40% of total A Level

Learning Methods:

The course is designed to stimulate interest and enjoyment and help to contribute to the development of a thinking, responsible and visually literate individual.

You will have opportunities to explore visual elements of what makes an effective photograph along with developing your own ideas and style. You will also have access to the dark room and specialist studios.

Career Opportunities:

You may go on to study photography on a higher education course or combine it with other creative subjects such as fine art, interior design, graphic design, web design, multi-media, advertising or video production. Possible careers within photography could include photographic professional practice, journalism, advertising, media and film.

Entry Requirements:

- Grade 4 or above in English
- Grade 4 or above in Maths.
- Ideally a Grade 5 or above in an art based subject

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