

A-Level Photography

COURSE OUTLINE

A-Level Photography is an opportunity for students to take part in a subject that is becoming increasingly important in society. With more methods of documenting, recording and presenting work than ever before, Photography is an exciting option to pursue at A-Level.

Students are expected to be well organised and work independently, with a strong commitment to the subject and the themes they explore. All students are given the opportunity to succeed in the subject, with a well-resourced department that includes a darkroom, ICT suite and studio space.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to study Photography at A-Level are required to have a Grade 4 in either GCSE Maths or English and have a GCSE Grade 5 in an Art & Design subject.

COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

Photography students will follow the Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Art and Design specification (9PY0).

The A-Level will cover two units of study:

Component 1: Personal Investigation 60%

This component allows students opportunities to generate and develop ideas, research primary and contextual sources, record practical and written observations, experiment with media and processes and refine ideas towards producing personal resolved outcomes.

Students will be assessed against the 4 Assessment Objectives that focus on a student's ability to investigate, experiment, record and create a personal response. Students will produce a portfolio of development work and outcomes based on themes and ideas developed from personal starting points.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment 40%

This component allows students to continue to generate and develop ideas, research primary and contextual sources, record practical and written observations, experiment with media and processes and refine ideas towards producing personal resolved outcomes in response to an externally set theme.

Students will be assessed against the 4 Assessment Objectives and will produce a portfolio of practical and written development work based on a theme provided by Edexcel.

PROGRESSION

Potential careers include but not limited to: Advertising Photographer, Fashion Photographer, Photojournalist, Wedding Photographer and Events