

GCSE AQA Photography

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Curriculum Overview:

GCSE Photography will introduce you to a variety of experiences exploring a range of lens-based and light-based media, techniques and processes, including both traditional and new technologies. Within the course you will explore overlapping and combinations of areas such as portraiture, landscape photography (working from the built or natural environment), still life photography, (working from natural or manufactured objects), documentary photography, photo journalism, narrative photography, reportage, fine art photography and photography involving a moving image (television, film and animation).

Unit 1 - Portfolio of work (Coursework 60%)

In this unit you will create a portfolio of work that explores and demonstrates a range of skills and techniques in a variety of areas within photography, such as the ability to explore formal elements of visual language.

Year 10:

- Photography skill builder
- Urban Photography project
- Natural world project

Unit 2 - Externally Set Task (10 Hour Practical Exam 40%)

Within this unit you will be set a project brief from the exam board, where you are expected to develop your work using the knowledge and experiences gained from Unit 1 to produce a final piece of work as well as linking your end product to an established artist.

Year 11:

- Mock exam, where pupils pick from 8 topic areas.
- Real exam

Assessments:

- *Skill builder project November Year 10*
- *Urban photography March Year 10*
- *Natural world photography July Year 10*
- *Mock Exam Dec Year 11*
- *Refinement to portfolio March Y11*
- *Real exam May Year 11*

Homework:

Students complete their homework using the ICT department Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle) or Google Classroom. All homework will be set using these systems and pupils can access it at home with their appropriate log in details via Moodle or Google classroom

Other Useful Information:

The ICT department run a programme of extra-curricular catch up sessions for all KS4 pupils on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school in rooms 1,2 and 3. In addition pupils will find all lesson material and extra support on Google classroom