

PHOTOGRAPHY – A Level



"You don't take a photograph, you make it." - *Ansel Adams*

Overview

You will be introduced to a variety of experiences and explore a range of photographic media, techniques and processes using modern methods. Explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to the world of art, photography and design.

The use of sketchbooks will underpin your work.

Year 12

Practical skills based learning will help develop your ability to critic contextual references and provide the foundation for conceptual work. Through the use of art history you will develop your understanding of the visual world in both practical and written medium.

Component 1 (assessed portfolio): you will produce a collection of work demonstrating your developing knowledge, skills and understanding. It should provide evidence of research, the development of ideas, making skills and your critical and contextual understanding.

Year 13

Work will continue on Component 1 (assessed portfolio). Component 2 (exam): respond to a stimulus, produce work which evidences your ability to work independently within specified time constraints, developing a personal and meaningful response which addresses all the assessment objectives and leads to a finished outcome or a series of related finished outcomes.

Assessment method

At the end of Year 12 you will sit end of year exams, these will not count towards your final results.

There is one 15 hour exam at A level and your portfolio will also be assessed and count towards your award.

Additional information

In addition to homework you will also be expected to carry out a minimum of 5 hours independent study per fortnight in each subject studied, this should include research and wider reading.

You will work in a variety of sized sketchbooks which are available from the Art Department. You will also need a digital SLR camera, a laptop or computer, photographic print paper and access to a personal colour printer for the production of prints.

Trips are arranged to art workshops, galleries and museums.

Entry requirements

Five GCSE Grade 6 to 9 including English, Maths and Art.

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Futures

Commercial, fashion, fine art photography, teaching, gallery/museum management, graphics, film/television photography, photojournalism, theatre production, art directing, an artist or photography technician.

Exam board

