



Photography

Knowledge in GCSE Photography

AQA Photography – Photography is a way to challenge ourselves artistically and creatively, experimenting with a variety of photographic media. This subject provides a foundation of skills which will be invaluable if seeking to pursue a career in the creative industries. Students take pride in the enjoyable, creative, hard-working college like atmosphere.

Curriculum Features

Assessment

AO1 – Developing Ideas · AO2 – Experimentation · AO3 – Record Ideas · AO4 – Present a personal response · Formative assessment of each strand. Summative assessment of each strand on completion of the project.

Y10 Project 1

PHOTOGRAPHIC ALPHABET As an introduction to the course students will photographically explore ways of viewing the world around them. Specific attention will be spent on identifying the formal elements in the environment to resemble shapes of letters. Students will be taught both traditional and digital photographic manipulation techniques to enhance personal response to the set theme.

Y10 Project 2

A DAY IN THE LIFE Students will start to think outside of the classroom and explore how hobbies and interests can be recorded photographically to support independent work. Students will undertake an extreme close up (Macro) approach to record minute formal element qualities. Students will be introduced to the creative possibilities of physical manipulation and mixed media techniques to support and enhance digital skills.

Y11

INDEPENDENT PROJECT: Viewpoints, Reflections, Portraits, Movement. Students will select a theme, from multiple starting points, as a basis for research. Possible starting points of: Viewpoints, Reflections, Portraits and the figure and Movement are available to explore and echo the format of the end of year 11 AQA GCSE examination. Students look at contemporary & past practice. Students develop personal ideas whilst using photographers' work as inspiration. Pupils will draw from previous experience and photographic skills and knowledge to respond creatively and individually to chosen themes.

GCSE EXAM AQA Externally Set Exam Question 12 weeks preparation & 10-hour exam (2 days off timetable)

Curriculum Enrichment

KS4 after school art will take place on Wednesday and Friday.

A summer exhibition of student's work will be held in July which will be an opportunity to showcase their creativity.

Students will have the opportunity to apply to become an Photography Ambassador, taking on leadership roles within the department and developing their own creative skills as well as supporting.