

AQA GCSE Art & Design - Photography



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Course Choice Guide

Literacy	☆	☆	☆		
Numeracy	☆				
Creativity	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Communications	☆	☆	☆		
Practical	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Group Work	☆				

Teaching, Learning & Assessment

Examinations (2 x 5 hours)	40%
Controlled Assessment	60%

VISION OF DEPARTMENT

You will need to have an interest and enthusiasm for the world of Photography. This is a digital Art based photography course, which focuses on creating and manipulating images. You must be prepared to be able to work independently and come up with your own ideas. Enthusiasm is key for this subject as well as being able to take risks, experiment with materials you have never worked with before and being willing to try out new ideas. All of which are vital for this course.

SUMMARY OF COURSE

60% of the course is project-based coursework, based on themes such as Movement, Portraiture, Studio-based photography, Nature etc. where you will look at the work of photographers past and present and explore and develop your own ideas through taking photographs. In particular you will use Adobe Photoshop to manipulate and edit your photos. Each unit of work will involve keeping a journal of your ideas and a portfolio of work, which includes a significant amount of writing about the photos you have taken, your ideas and developments, and the editing process.

The final exam which makes up the other 40%, is a timed exam over 2 days where you will work from a brief set by the exam board in the same way you have worked on your other projects. For this you will produce a journal, showing development through a series of tasks demonstrating a personal response to the theme.

We encourage students to have their own camera to use outside of school. They have access to the schools DSLR camera to use during lessons, but we hope they have the means to be able to take photos outside of school in their own time in order to really develop their creativity.

WHAT IT CAN LEAD TO AT COLLEGE AND BEYOND

Students have gone onto study A-Level Photography at college. Alternatively, you may wish to advance in this creative subject, which could lead you into the world of creative employment. Photography is the perfect choice for you if you are interested in careers in the following: Photo Journalism, Travel Brochure Designer, Forensic Investigation, Commercial Advertisers, Product Photography, Photo Editor Magazines, Fashion Photographer, TV and Film Careers or Scientific Photographer.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITMENT, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We ask that you have an enthusiasm for the subject; for taking photographs and the visual arts. We also ask that you are able to take risks, experiment with media you have never worked with before and are willing to try out new ideas. All of which are vital for this course. The ability to write about your ideas, reflect on your work and write fluidly about Photographers work is also important. Students are often asked to take photos for events during the school year, such as Sports Day, Musicals and Plays and community days. Students will be given a weekly homework, which normally involves either taking photos or researching Photographer's work. There is also after school Art & Photography club which year 10 & 11 students are encouraged to attend in order to improve skills and spend more time on their work.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MRS PHILLIPS