

GCSE Photography

What will I make/study?

Projects will be developed in response to a series of briefs provided by the teacher. Images taken by the students will be edited and manipulated into digital outcomes, demonstrating an understanding of work by other photographers. Students will receive in-depth training on how to use Photoshop.

Do I need to have my own camera?

Yes, but your phone camera is fine. As a photography student you will also have access to Adobe Photoshop from all your devices at home.

How is work assessed?

Component 1: **Portfolio**

- Two years to create a portfolio, with everything you make from the first lesson potentially going towards your final grade.
- **60%** of final mark

Component 2: **Externally set assignment**

- 10 weeks to respond to the exam question, investigating and developing ideas. Resulting in a 10 hour exam, where one or more outcomes will be made. Essentially you have two days to make an outcome, which if planned well for can be a highly enjoyable experience.
- **40%** of final mark

Why study Photography?

- Arts subjects encourage self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.
- Creativity can also help with wellbeing and improving health and happiness – many students comment that arts lessons acted as an outlet for releasing the pressures of studying as well as those of everyday life.
- Studying arts subjects also help to develop critical thinking and the ability to interpret the world around us.
- The leading people in any field are those who can think creatively and innovatively. These are skills that employer's value alongside qualifications.
- When you study art, you learn to work both independently and collaboratively, you also gain experience in time management – skillsets valued by employers.
- Studying the arts teaches determination and resilience – qualities useful to any career.
- Studying art and design at school opens the door to a range of careers in the creative industries. The creative industries are an important part of the British economy – one of the areas of the economy that is still growing.