

PHOTOGRAPHY HINTS TO RAISE YOUR ATTAINMENT



IN CLASS...

Make the most of each shoot by taking a really wide range of photographs that experiment widely with angles, viewpoint, composition, colour, subject, lighting etc...

When in an editing lesson, try a really wide range of techniques to increase your mark for AO2. You can edit photographs either on Photoshop or you can do it by hand (think creasing, tearing, painting, folding...) If you have edited anything by hand, make sure that you re-photograph it and edit it further on Photoshop. Try to combine different techniques together and see what happens! Take well considered creative risks, and you might just find a fantastic new technique that you love!

IN CLASS/AT HOME...

Remember that when taking photographs of anything think about...

- Where you are setting up the photo
- The background, foreground and middle ground
- The lighting (natural, studio?)
- Cropping the image
- Your inspiration and reason for taking the photograph. Which photographers inspired you?



AT HOME...

Find photographs related to class work that you find interesting, and create your own Pinterest boards. This will help you to find ideas for your final pieces and will help you develop your portfolios further. Your Photography teacher will have Pinterest boards set up for each project you do – just ask to follow them!



Be interested: conduct research into other photographers in your own time. Go to exhibitions such as Bradford Science and Media Museum, or the Impressions Gallery. Leeds also has some great museums and galleries. When you see a photograph in a magazine or newspaper that you like, keep it! Start to make a scrap book. It can all be submitted for your GCSE. Look at Photography awards (landscape, urban, wildlife...) Use your phones or camera to take photographs which are relevant to your project in your own time.

Research different editing techniques to achieve effects that you like. There are literally thousands of YouTube tutorials for Photoshop, the possibilities are endless! Write down the steps and have a go in class.