

P hotography

Are you creative and imaginative? Do you enjoy exploring ideas and looking at things in different ways? You will enjoy developing your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills and responding to ideas and issues in ways that are personal to you. Photography is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating ideas. It inspires creative thinkers. Photography means 'drawing with light' and that is what photographers do when they take a picture. Many photographers have explored various techniques to create images that make a personal statement about things that have interested or concerned them. The most exciting aspect of photography is that you are capturing the world as you see it.

Course Outline

AS Level

At AS you will produce a portfolio of work for component 1 which counts for 60% of your total AS marks. In component 2 you will produce personal work in response to one of five exciting starting points which will count for 40% of your total AS marks.

A Level

At A-level for component 1 you will develop work for a personal investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material. This will count for 60% of your total A-level marks. In component 2 you will produce personal work in response to one of eight exciting starting points which will count for 40% of your total A-level marks.

AS and A-Level Photography are decoupled and not studied here as a linear course.



Career Progression

The skills you gain in are highly-transferable to lots of other subjects. Photography is a great companion to all other subjects as creativity, imagination and problem solving skills can give you great ideas for your other subjects. Photography opens up a world of opportunity, giving you access to a wide variety of fields including: Animation, Fashion, Digital media, Film/Video production, Forensic/ Medical photography, Photojournalism and Research among others.

Complementary Subjects

In particular Media, Art, English and Design Technologies but relates to most AS / A level subjects.

Entry requirements

No previous Art and Design qualification required.

"Photography is an art of observation. It has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them."

Elliott Erwitt