

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

A Level

In year 1, students will undertake a portfolio production project, introducing them to a wide range of photographers and practices. This will give them a greater understanding of photographic contextualisation and develop their technical practice. Students will then undertake a personal sustained investigation, developing crucial skills for the successful completion of the course. This study will form part of component 1. In year 2, students will develop work for a second personal investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material. Component 1 will count for 60% of the total A-level marks. In component 2 students will produce personal work in response to one of eight exciting starting points which will count for 40% of your total A-level marks.



Students completing the course in summer 2022 will no longer be expected to complete component 2, in line with changes made to requirements by the exam board. Instead they will use the time which would have been given over to component 2 to further develop component 1 personal investigation.

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.