



PHOTOGRAPHY

A Level

Course Outline

The Photography course is aimed at developing and encouraging a greater sense of visual literacy through both producing and analysing images. Students will develop an understanding of photographic composition and both traditional and digital processes, developing sensitivity towards the creative and imaginative application of imagery. Students are encouraged to explore social, cultural and critical issues, particularly in relation to popular culture, the mass media and issues in contemporary photographic practice. Students are expected to employ creative approaches to their work which go beyond the mere observation and recording.



Useful skills and experience

It is of considerable advantage to have completed a GCSE course in an Art related discipline, but it can be possible to undertake the A Level without having done so. A commitment to independent research and working is vital and an active interest in the visual world is a must. Students who undertake the course are expected to have their own digital SLR camera. Practical activities will take place during school time, but it is expected that students will spend considerable time outside of school taking photographs.



Assessment

Students are actively involved in group and individual projects. They have the opportunity to explore a wide range of photographic genres such as fashion, portraiture, photo-montage, photojournalism and landscape. Students are expected to include research, analysis and critical thinking to support their knowledge of photography and assessment is based upon both their photographic skill and written analysis.



Where could this subject take me?

Many students go on to study Photography, Art and Media based courses at university level, having built a portfolio of work. Others have found employment with local businesses within the photographic industry.



Exam Boards and Specification

OCR

Oxford Cambridge and RSA



Entry Notes

A portfolio will also be required on a set task..

You will need to buy a DSLR camera once you start the course. If you are studying Film or Media Studies - you can use the same camera. Follow [this link](#) to see some examples and more information on what you need.



Complementary Subjects

- Art & Design
- Design & Technology
- Media Studies
- Film



Related Additional Activities

Guernsey International Photography Festival.
Regular shoots on location. You will need to purchase a suitable camera for this course.



What our students say

I loved Photography as it gave me a creative outlet in order to not only develop my skills within the subject but to also develop my creative mind.

Cameras you could buy:

Canon 100d, Nikon D5300, Canon 700D,
Nikon D310 , Nikon, D3400, Canon EOS
D1300 DSLR, Canon 40D, Canon 5D Mk4,
Nikon D3300

