

A-level Photography

Photography: lens-based and light-based media

Introduction

Students will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of photographic media, techniques and processes. They will be made aware of both traditional and new technologies. Students will be aware of the four assessment objectives to be demonstrated in the context of the content and skills presented and of the importance of process as well as product. Students will use traditional methods and digital techniques to produce images.

Areas of Study

Introduction to Photography – Term 1

Students will be introduced to the core skills of photography. During this term students will have guided lessons covering a variety of Photographic techniques both in the dark room and using digital software. Students will be encouraged to creatively explore the media and produce a full and exciting sketchbook. The theme will be dictated by the transition work completed.

PERSONAL PROJECT – Jan Yr12 into Jan Yr13

Students will then choose their own theme to produce an in-depth personal project. Along with an essay of 1000-3000 this will count as 60% of their final grade. The project will be marked using the 4 assessment objectives in the boxes overleaf, AO1 Research and Investigation, AO2 Experimentation, AO3 Recording Analysing and Development, AO4 Final pieces.

EXTERNALLY SET ASSIGNMENT – Feb Yr13 to Easter

Students will be set a selection of themes by AQA, and must pick one to respond to. They will create a project exploring their chosen theme, showing off what they have learnt so far over the course. They will be marked using the assessment objectives, and completing the course with a 15 hour exam.

Skills and Techniques

Students will be required to demonstrate skills in all of the following:

- the ability to explore elements of visual language, line, form, colour, pattern and texture in the context of Photography
- the ability to respond to an issue, theme, concept or idea or work to a brief or answer a need in photography
- appreciation of viewpoint, composition, depth of field and movement; time-based, through such techniques as sequence or 'frozen moment' • the appropriate use of the camera, film, lenses, filters and lighting for work in their chosen area of Photography



- understanding of techniques related to the developing and printing of photographic images, where appropriate, presentation and layout. Knowledge and Understanding Students will show knowledge and understanding of:
- how ideas, feelings and meanings can be conveyed and interpreted in images and artefacts created in the chosen area(s) of Photography • historical and contemporary developments and different styles and genres
- how images and artefacts relate to social, environmental, cultural and/or ethical contexts, and to the time and place in which they were created
- continuity and change in different styles, genres and traditions relevant to Photography
- the working vocabulary and specialist terminology which is relevant to their chosen area(s) of Photography.

AQA Exam Specification

A Level Assessment Objectives

Assessment Objective 1

Develop their ideas through sustained and focused investigations informed by contextual and other sources, demonstrating analytical and critical understanding.

Assessment Objective 2

Experiment with and select appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes reviewing and refining their ideas as their work develops.

Assessment Objective 3

Record in visual and/or other forms, ideas, observations and insights relevant to their intentions, demonstrating an ability to reflect on their work and progress.

Assessment Objective 4

Present a personal, informed and meaningful response demonstrating critical understanding, realising intentions and, where appropriate, make connections between visual, written, oral or other elements.

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Assessments

Component 1: Personal investigation	+	Component 2: Externally set assignment
What's assessed Personal investigation – 7201/C, 7202/C, 7203/C, 7204/C, 7205/C, 7206/C		What's assessed Response to an externally set assignment – 7201/X, 7202/X, 7203/X, 7204/X, 7205/X, 7206/X
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No time limit 96 marks 60% of A-level 		Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparatory period + 15 hours supervised time 96 marks 40% of A-level
Non-exam assessment (NEA) set and marked by the centre and moderated by AQA during a visit to the centre. Visits will normally take place in June.		Non-exam assessment (NEA) set by AQA, marked by the centre and moderated by AQA during a visit to the centre. Visits will normally take place in June.



Transition Assignment

When you start in year 12 you will be creating a project about one of the following 4 starting points:

URBAN, LIGHT, SURREAL OR IDENTITY.

Your summer task is to select your starting point. Research different ways you could respond photographically to the themes and pick your favourite.



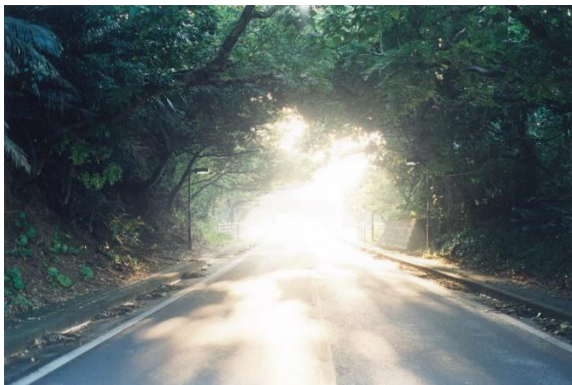
For your chosen theme, create a mood board and take your first photoshoot of 30+ photos.

Make a set of edits from your first photoshoot – you can use the app snapseed or the website photopea which are both free!

You can present your work in a sketchbook, Power Point, digital sketchbook or in a folder.

When we start in year 12, you will transfer this work into your sketchbook, so it will be your very first page – make it a good one!

You will present your ideas and research so far to the group, so we look forward to seeing and hearing all about your ideas.



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