

Welcome to Photography

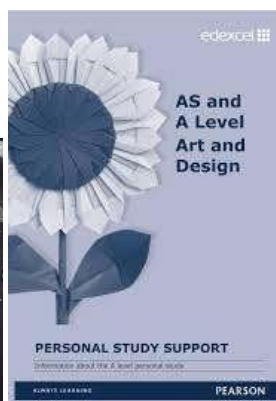
Course Overview:

Photography A level gives you the perfect opportunity to learn, develop and refine your technical skills and methods (traditional darkroom processes, lighting, advanced digital editing etc) which are essential to work as a professional photographer, but you will also develop a broad range of transferable skills which are desired by a wide range of universities and employers. Photography is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating. You will develop your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills and responding to ideas and issues in ways that are personal to your areas of interest. Photography encourages self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.

Course Content

We currently follow the Edexcel examination board A Level in Art and Design: Photography. Component 1 (60%) comprises of three major elements: practical work, supporting studies and a written Personal Study.

- Experimental development and idea development will typically take place in sketchbooks with final outcomes taking the form of an exhibition of prints and or 3-D work/video art/installation work.



- The Personal Study will be a piece of contextual research on a negotiated art related topic. The written essay will be a minimum of 1000 words and may include annotated examples.

Course Structure



- Component 1 is currently broken down into the following themed units:
 - ~ Time, Space, Movement, Light (skills based introductory project)
 - ~ About That (An issue based project)
 - ~ Personal Study (on a negotiated title)
 - ~ Personal Study practical response (produced in response to the essay)
- Component 2 is an externally set assignment: comprising of a paper given out in February of Year 13 with a theme, followed by a period of preparation leading up to a 15 hour timed practical session during the exam period.
- The format and marking of component 2 will follow the same structure as component 1.

Transition Home Learning Task



Present a picture or series of pictures which you have taken over the holiday that represent something about you. It could be about your personality, your relationships, your fears, hopes and dreams, your hobbies and interests or your views and opinions. Shoot in any medium from iphone to film, but they need to be viewable on computer.

Be prepared to discuss the image(s) in September.