

Photography

Qualification: GCSE Photography

Exam Board: AQA

Level of Achievement: Grades 9-1

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What will I learn?

A variety of creative approaches to digital photography exploring colour and black and white imagery, portraiture, still life and abstract photography.

Technical aspects of the medium such as aperture, shutter speed, exposure, focus and depth of field will be explored, in addition to traditional aspects of image making such as composition, viewpoints and use of lighting. Creative use of digital technology will be developed to edit the images we have taken.

Whilst this is a creative subject it will also involve research into the work and techniques used by other photographers. The written element is integral to the subject and informs the creative practice that follows.

How will I be assessed?

One coursework project will account for 60% of the GCSE grade and runs for approximately 16 weeks. The remaining 40% is an externally set project chosen from the exam board, runs for approximately 12 weeks followed by a 10 hour exam. Both projects are assessed on:

- Exploring starting points with appropriate techniques
- Using the work of other photographers to develop a theme
- Experimenting with ideas and techniques to further develop the theme
- Producing a final personal response to the theme.

Future opportunities

GCSE Photography is an important skill towards many KS5 creative subjects related to Creative Media. It will suit students who may be considering any career related to Media, Journalism, Reporting, Photography and many more creative areas, as well as those who enjoy expressing themselves creatively.

