



## PHOTOGRAPHY A-LEVEL

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### Exam Board - AQA

#### What can I expect from this subject?

Photography provides you with an opportunity to engage with the world and the people in it through expressing yourself and your ideas. You will be taught a variety of creative techniques and processes in art, design and photography. Coursework will include the use of camera equipment, studio work and computer software presentation skills, and building a portfolio and sketchbook of creative ideas and personal project work.

The course aims to develop strong independent points of view and a mature grasp of the range of critical debate surrounding contemporary art and photography. The course will help equip students to become motivated and resourceful learners with a good sense of how to organise their time. The photography programme provides students with the opportunity to express themselves imaginatively and creatively. Studio coursework and personal practice is contextualised with regular visits to exhibitions of contemporary work. The course consists of one coursework project 60% and one exam project 40%.

#### What can I do to prepare for this course?

- Visit galleries and see as much printed photography in the flesh as possible.
- Read books about artists and photographers. Read articles discussing current themes in art/ photography or current photographers work.
- Follow galleries on social media e.g. Tate, The Photographer's Gallery etc.
- Practice your photography.
- Download a free trial of Photoshop and have a play; YouTube has many great tutorials for this.

#### What will my next steps be?

Having an A-Level in a creative subject is an essential starting point if students want to pursue art and design. Having this qualification enables students to progress to a more specialist area within Art and Design such as animation, advertising, fashion communication, fine art, graphic design, special effects for film and TV, photography and more.

#### FAQs for Photography:

*Grades at GCSE - what will I need?* You will need a grade 5 or higher in GCSE Art and Design or Photography.

*What skills are necessary for this A level?* A good eye for detail, good visual communication skills a creative and curious mind, a willingness to experiment and a strong interest in the subject.