

# PHOTOGRAPHY

## WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

Candidates choosing A Level Photography have the opportunity to follow an exciting two year course that integrates both practical, critical and theoretical study. You will be given the chance to work with a wide variety of camera processes including digital and traditional darkroom techniques.

### COURSE DETAILS

**Qualification:** A Level  
Photography

**Awarding Body:** AQA

**Entry Requirements:** 5 A\*-  
C/4+ including both English  
language and maths, plus  
GCSE grade 5 (or equivalent)  
in an art related course

The course is designed to build on and extend skills, enabling learners to become more confident and independent in their practice. Students will enjoy opportunities to build on knowledge, skills and understanding of media and processes gained through gallery and museum visits, visiting photographers' workshops, location and studio photo shoot opportunities and have access to exhibit work in both local and national exhibitions.

In your second year support is provided with portfolio preparation for higher education interviews. This course supports students who wish to continue onto any media and photographic based courses in higher education, apprenticeships and employment.

## COURSE STRUCTURE & ASSESSMENT

Throughout the two year course the emphasis is on learning about new photographic methods and exploring techniques. In Year 12 you will undertake a series of investigations in the form of two projects. Themes are open ended to allow students to develop their own creative pathways.

In the second year, students are expected to work much more independently and work may well be based on experiences and interests developed in the first year of the course. You will be required to produce an extended unit of study, accompanied by a written essay to support your practical investigations. Coursework is worth 60% of the overall grade and the examination is worth 40%.

Throughout the course students will be continually assessed through various forms. Students will have a 10 hour internal examination in Year 12 and an external 15 hour examination at the end of the course.

