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GCSE Photography is a very specialist, technical and exciting subject. You must be aware that this is purely a digital course which requires a lot of independent learning and creative thinking. This course doesn't just involve taking photographs. You will be expected to produce work using basic camera equipment, a digital camera, Adobe Photoshop, Photo Pea and other editing Apps, graphic tablets, digital media and ICT to develop and produce your work.

As well as taking photographs you will be given the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of photography genres, such as photojournalism, documentary, street, fashion, landscape, portrait and fine art. To support this you will also be expected to study the work of other photographers in order to inspire and improve your own photographic work.

Homework will be set regularly to support the work completed in lessons. This includes taking photographs, researching the work of a photographers or developing coursework outcomes.

The course incorporates field trips to create location based outcomes and visits to galleries to explore the work of artists, designers and photographers.

Assessment

GCSE Photography is structured so that 60% is a Portfolio of work (Coursework). Which includes at least one major project plus a selection of further work including written work and work created through practical workshops. 40% is the Externally Set Assignment where Students respond to their chosen starting point from an externally set assignment paper giving a selection of themes. The assignment is approached like a portfolio project ending with 10 hours of supervised time.

The GCSEs will be graded 9 – 1. Grade 9 will be the highest and equivalent of an 'old' A**.

Future Pathways/Careers:

Many students choose to study Photography related creative courses of further study at local FE colleges and sixth Forms. Many go on to study at Confetti College in Nottingham which is a specialist digital arts and technologies college.

The UK's creative industries make a significant contribution to the global economy. But the creative industries offer so much more than economic success. They inspire us and enrich our lives.

There are 150+ creative related careers for example games design, advertising, fashion, journalism, graphic design, film, video and freelance work. Radio work, performing arts, theatre designer, publishing and photography.



Please note: You cannot take both GCSE Photography and GCSE Art & Design