

Photography - A Level

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Course Outline:

A Level Photography is an exploration of visual storytelling, where your creativity knows no bounds, and your passion for photography is nurtured into a powerful skill set. Our course offers a perfect blend of technical mastery, compositional knowledge, contextual referencing, and artistic expression, equipping you with the tools to communicate with a camera, in the darkroom and whilst editing using Adobe Photoshop. A Level Photography is ideally suited for students who possess a deep curiosity and inquisitiveness in regard to visual communication.

You will gain a sophisticated understanding of photography equipment, including cameras, lenses, and lighting. You will explore the potential of Adobe Photoshop, from retouching and enhancing your photographs, to complete digital construction of imagery. Fluency with Photoshop will empower you to bring your artistic visions to life - it's also a tool that can set you apart in a competitive job market, as digital literacy and design skills are increasingly in demand across various industries. Through numerous projects, and study of different genres and themes you will also foster critical thinking skills, the ability to analyse and interpret images, understanding the messages and impact they convey.

Whether you dream of becoming a professional photographer, a photojournalist, a digital artist, or simply want to enrich your life with the art of visual storytelling, A Level Photography is your stepping stone to a world of possibilities. Join us, and let your images tell the stories that words alone cannot convey. Your photographic adventure awaits!

The course is made up of 60% coursework, with each student selecting their own area of focus, and 40% externally set task culminating in a 15-hour (three day) practical exam.

If you have not taken an Art or Photography GCSE your application will be considered if you can demonstrate your interest in Photography through a portfolio of images.



Progression Post 18

Following the successful completion of A Level Photography, you have a wide range of exciting progression routes available, including a Foundation Year specialising in Photography and Digital Media, University degrees within the Photographic Arts, apprenticeships in creative industries, and freelance work. Included in variety of exciting and creative career opportunities are Commercial Photography, Photojournalism, Photographic Editing, Graphic Design, Illustration, Digital Media Design, Animation... The creative industries sector contributed £109bn to the UK economy in 2021 – there are *so many* opportunities out there for you.

Qualification: A Level Coursework: 60% Examination: 40%

Examination Board AQA