

Photography

AQA

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Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

Aims of the Course

To develop analytical and critical thinking skills through research into a range of photographic style to inform and inspire. Experiment with a broad range of techniques and equipment in response to students' chosen areas of research.



Course structure and content

This course consists of a period of study to introduce students to the workings of a DSLR camera along with contextual analysis of photographers' work. This is followed by an extended project in which students produce work in response to a selection of prepared themes. In the Upper 6th, students produce their Component 1: Personal Investigation followed by an Externally Set Assignment.

Theme 1 - Introductory Course

Producing research and outcomes in response to different camera and photographic techniques alongside compiling a visual journal.

Theme 2 - Extended Project

Students apply the skills and knowledge acquired through the introductory course to developing a body of work in response to a theme of their choice (based on a list of themes).

Theme 3 - Component 1: Personal Investigation

Students are required to conduct a practical investigation into their chosen theme, idea or concept that is supported by a written essay. Each student will produce a journal, a written study and a series of professionally mounted photographs that reflect a personal and original response.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment

The exam board will release a question paper consisting of a choice of approximately 8 themes to be used as starting points. Students will independently produce preparatory studies and prints over a series of weeks. After the preparation period students will complete 15 hours of controlled time (examination conditions) to complete the assignment.

Assessment

Component 1 - 60% Personal Investigation.

Component 2 - 40% Externally Set Assignment (15 hour exam).

Future career opportunities

At the end of the A Level course, you will have the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for general higher education, along with those required for a career in the creative industries.



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