

Photography

Qualification	GCSE AQA
Course description	<p>GCSE Photography is an art and design course. Students will have the opportunity to work with digital photography and a range of mixed media. Each student will produce a portfolio of work for their coursework. This will include recording of images, an opportunity to look at a range of artists and photographers and then the digital development of these ideas.</p> <p>This is a course which will guarantee students a good grade if they work hard, are well-organised, fulfil the course requirements and, most importantly, are creative.</p> <p>This course covers a wide range of photography and art appreciation, with emphasis on practical skills to encourage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the skills of composition and visual expression; b) an understanding of a wide range of media including photography, mixed media and computer graphics; c) an appreciation and understanding of the work of artists and photographers, groups and movements, past and present.
Method of Assessment	<p>A final grade is reached through a combination of coursework (60%), which provides evidence of attainment, and examination (40%), in which candidates are required to produce a final piece of work over a period of 10 hours.</p> <p>All students must have a sketchbook for each project. Regular homework is set and assessed. This evidence of further study is an important part of the course and supports the work completed in class.</p>
Further Study after Year 11	Students may study A Level Art & Design, Photography or Textiles, with some starting a Foundation course which then leads on to degree level study.
Career Routes	Photographer, picture researcher, visual merchandiser, theatre lighting technician, film director, television/film makeup artist, special effects, teacher, art gallery manager, website designer, advertising art director, fashion photographer, graphic design, interior design, 3-dimensional design, exhibition and museum design, magazine features editor, press photographer, medical illustrator, television camera operative, digital marketer, media planner, web designer.