

KS4 Overview – Photography

During Years 10 and 11, students will explore photography as a creative and expressive visual medium, developing both technical expertise and imaginative thinking. They will learn to use DSLR cameras with confidence, investigate the work of photographers and experiment with composition, lighting, digital editing and image manipulation to create purposeful and engaging visual outcomes. Through independent enquiry, students will refine their ideas, evaluate their creative decisions and build a personal portfolio that reflects their individual interests and artistic identity. We want students to enjoy Photography whilst developing the technical confidence, visual literacy and creative independence needed to achieve success at GCSE and prepare for further study and careers within the creative industries.

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the structure might vary slightly depending on the group

Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
10	Introduction to GCSE Photography. Camera workshops focusing on DSLR operation, camera controls and photographic composition.	Portrait Project. Develop portrait photography skills through practical shoots and Photoshop workshops.	Portrait Project. Explore visual storytelling through <i>Life Magazine</i> and develop editing and presentation skills.	Portrait Project. Investigate digital and physical manipulation techniques to create creative photographic outcomes.	Architecture Project. Explore architectural photography, composition and the built environment.	Architecture / Surrealism Project. Develop creative responses through architectural photography and surrealist image manipulation.
11	Begin a Mock Project (approximately 10 weeks). Select a theme and begin developing ideas through research, photography and experimentation.	Complete preparatory studies and produce a final outcome during a 5-hour mock examination.	Begin the Externally Set Assignment (ESA) released by AQA in January (approximately 12 weeks).	Develop ideas in response to the chosen ESA theme through research, shooting, experimentation and refinement.	Produce a final outcome during the 10-hour examination.	