

PHOTOGRAPHY A-LEVEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Photography is an ideal subject for students wishing to pursue a path to media, the arts and photographic related areas. It is also a good supplementary course giving breadth to your offer.

Throughout the course students are encouraged to investigate various genres as well as experimental processes to produce exciting, personal and challenging imagery. Fashion photography, portraiture, and landscape, abstract, digital, montage and Fine Art photography are just a few examples of the areas that can be explored.

The AS course starts with a focus on traditional film photography to provide a strong technical foundation including pinhole cameras and photograms. It then moves on to experimental practices including digital and darkroom manipulation, studio practice and Photoshop. It culminates in a Personal Creative Enquiry based on your own interests and ideas.

The A Level course builds on the skills obtained at AS to produce a Personal Investigation which is an in depth portfolio of work including a written critical analysis. There is also a controlled element set by the exam board. During the course, learners are encouraged to experiment, collaborate and make informed creative decisions.

Throughout the year there is the option for educational visits and an international trip.

WHAT NEXT?

Past students have progressed to academic or vocational degrees including photography, photojournalism, fine art, fashion photography, the film industry and forensic science as well as more academic subjects such as psychology and English when matched with other relevant subjects.

Students have gained places at UWE, Nottingham Trent, University of South Wales and Bath Spa as well as Falmouth.

In photography you will develop many transferable skills that can be applied in various career progressions.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework (60%) Controlled assessment (40%)

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 required for GCSE English and GCSE Maths

EXAM BOARD

EDUQAS

COSTS

£150 per year for equipment and optional visits.