





## **Course Requirements:**

Sixth Form Entry Requirement plus GCSE Art and Design or Photography - Grade 5 or BTEC merit. If you have not studied these and are interested in the course, please contact Miss A Monk.

**Syllabus:** EDUOAS

Who to Contact:

Miss A Monk

Course Leader

## **Overview**

A Level Photography is a creative and practical subject that allows you to explore photography as a form of visual art. Photography is more than just taking pictures – it is about communicating ideas through visual language.

You will have the exciting opportunity to visit galleries in London and Liverpool, as well as creating a portfolio of work based on a theme of interest.

You will learn technical skills in camera work, lighting, and editing, while also developing your ability to research, analyse and respond to the work of professional photographers and artists. The course encourages independent thinking, creativity and experimentation.

## Structure

The course is broken down into three parts.

**Technical skills** – Before beginning assessed components, you'll complete skills-building workshops designed to give you a strong technical foundation.

**Component 1** is called a personal investigation and is worth 60% of the A level grade. This is a major in-depth critical, practical and theoretical investigative project/portfolio and outcome/s which are based on a subject matter or theme of your own personal choice.

**Component 2** is an externally set assignment and is worth 40% of the A level grade. You will start this in February of Year 13. This involves working to a starting point set by the exam board and completing a final, personal response during 15 hours of supervised time (this will be across 3 days).

## Why choose Photography and where does it lead?

- A Level Photography encourages independence, experimentation and self-expression
- Strengthens transferable skills such as organization, problem- solving, and visual communication.
- The potential careers in photography are as vast and diverse as the medium itself. Some of the highly respected careers include -
  - Fashion, documentary, fine art and commercial photography.
  - Film, TV and media production
  - Graphic design and advertising
  - Visual journalism and publishing