

## AQA – Photography

Within GCSE Art Photography, students will get to develop and apply the knowledge, understanding and skills within the context of Photography. Photography is defined as the practice of producing images using light-sensitive materials such as photographic film, or digital methods of development and production to create static or moving images. Students will experience a range of practical workshops allowing them to explore and expand their technical and creative skills whilst developing their personal themes.

Students will complete two units of work, Component 1 (Coursework) 60% and Component 2 (Exam project) 40%.

Students are required to work in one or more area(s) of Photography, such as those listed below, they will get to explore all of these areas before they specialise.

Portraiture	Location photography	Studio photography
Experimental imagery		Installation
Documentary photography	Photo-journalism	
Moving image: film, video and animation		Fashion photography.

As part of unit 1, students will produce two separate projects as part of their coursework. They will have from the beginning of Year 10 to December of Year 11 to complete these projects. Their final outcomes will be individual final pieces in which they design and plan themselves. Students will get a 5-hour mock exam in Year 10 and Year 11. Students will have the opportunity to go on a Gallery trip to London in Year 11.

Students will complete their coursework and submit this in December 2024; this is worth 60% of the course. They will then start their Exam project in January 2025. Students will sit 1 practical exam which will be 10 hours over 2 consecutive days, this is planned and rehearsed by the students well in advance. They will sit this exam in April 2025, this is worth 40% of their final grade and will mark the end of the course.

All GCSE Photography work is then celebrated in a big exhibition in July 2025 at TDA, this an opportunity for parents/carers and students to come and see the work produced by our GCSE and A Level student.

*Useful websites with more information are below:*

[AQA | Art and Design | Subject content | Photography](#)

[Photography - GCSE Art and Design Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)