



## OPTION SUBJECT GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY

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Everyone has got a camera these days, but have you got a 'creative eye' for taking photographs?

Photography is a form of communication and a way of expressing your ideas and feelings. It is a practical based subject, which deals with visual understanding and aesthetic qualities.

Our course promotes personal expression, imagination, sensitivity, conceptual thought, powers of observation and practical skills. It will be digital and technical in content featuring the use of Photoshop CS4 as the main image manipulation processing tool. Pupils will largely use compact cameras to capture their images though some access to SLR cameras will be available when necessary.

The course we offer benefits students from a wide range of ability and experience, though pupils should realise that the demands of the course are extensive and a genuine commitment to your Photography work is required. Regular homework and personal research are also part of upper school work. Students should be aware that there is still a drawing element to the course.

The course content is largely externally set by the examination board and marked by the Photography staff in the school. Work is then moderated by AQA Board's representatives.

At present all assessment is divided into two component parts:

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<b>Coursework</b>	<b>60% of the total marks</b>
<b>Examination</b>	<b>40% of the total marks</b>

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The examination paper is given to pupils at the beginning of January in Year 11, prior to the examination to allow time for planning and the preparation of study sheets. The exam is 10 hours in length sometime early May.

***Taking both Art and Photography is at the discretion of the department.***