

The main focus of Photography will be to explore, play, experiment and have fun making images.

In Photography students will learn how to control an SLR camera. Learning the basics of composition, lighting, aperture, shutter speed and ISO.

Through this technical foundation students will be able to explore how to represent ideas using visual imagery. They will develop a portfolio that will consist of an extended project where students will respond to a theme, topic or genre of Photography. This will make up 60% of their final GCSE grade. Students will be encouraged to investigate and play with their ideas throughout the project including post production digital manipulation and image manipulation by hand.

Students will also be assessed through an externally set assignment set by AQA. There are several themes to choose from, in which students have the opportunity to respond through digital media. As well as time in the classroom to develop their ideas, this will also feature a 10 hour practical exam and will form 40% of their final grade.

Students will be marked against four assessment objectives:

- Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources.
- Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.
- Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses.
- Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.

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