

Course Content

This is a new and exciting course that aims to provide students with a broad knowledge and understanding of digital photography and image manipulation. Through experimental work and technique, students will have the opportunity to develop a wide range of photographic skills that will inform their own personal interests and self directed study.

The course offers practical experience in:

Traditional methods of photography
Exploration of photographic media, techniques and processes
Image manipulation in Photoshop
Lighting and studio technique
Professional working practice
Creative layout and presentation technique

Exam Board & Certificate

AQA

GCSE Art and Design Photography

Assessment

60% Portfolio of work over 2 years (2 assignments completed in class and homework time).

40% Externally Set Assignment (Guided preparation, 10 hours supervised exam time).

Controlled Assessment

Over the two year course students will complete two units of work and a externally set assignment. The first unit will focus on experimental work within digital photography, image manipulation and creative sketchbook work.

Teaching

Each student is supported so that they develop individually and express themselves creatively. Students are able to reflect on and develop their work through the constant dialogue between student and teacher. They are encouraged to develop their strengths through their own personal interests and areas of study.

The course involves looking at the work of artists and photographers, with participation in gallery visits/workshops and competitions.



WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

Development of employability skills:
Creativity and imagination, technical ability, image manipulation and computer skills.

Career opportunities for example:

- General or social - weddings and portraits.
- Advertising and editorial - advertisements, magazines and photo libraries and other news publications.
- Fashion - photographing models and clothing for magazines and catalogues.
- Corporate (industrial/commercial) - company promotional material
- Scientific or medical.