

Curriculum information for Photography Year 10

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA GCSE Photography
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	<p>September Year 10 to January Year 10.</p> <p>Students will produce a directed project from a limited number of starting points/themes. This will introduce the students to new techniques and methods of constructing a GCSE project.</p> <p>February Year 10 to January Year 11.</p> <p>Students will produce a second Art/Photography project as above to further reinforce their previous learning.</p> <p>Within each project students must demonstrate the ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop their ideas through investigations informed by selecting and critically analysing sources • apply an understanding of relevant practices in the creative and cultural industries to their work • refine their ideas as work progresses through experimenting with media, materials, techniques, and processes • record their ideas, observations, insights, and independent judgements, visually and through written annotation, using appropriate specialist vocabulary, as work progresses • use visual language critically as appropriate to their own creative intentions and chosen area(s) of study • use drawing skills for different needs and purposes, appropriate to context • realise personal intentions through sustained application of the creative process. • coursework portfolio represents 60% of the total GCSE mark
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	<p>Students currently in Y10 will complete one external exam when they reach the end of Year 11.</p> <p>They will receive the exam paper in January of Year 11, which will contain a number of different starting points (themes).</p> <p>There will then be a period of preparation time, which will culminate in a 2-day, 10-hour practical exam.</p> <p>This represents 40% of the total GCSE mark.</p>
What should students be focusing on?	<p>Your child should be focusing on ensuring that all deadlines are met and that the work is as high a quality as they can possibly make it.</p> <p>Art takes time to make; it needs time to make it good.</p>
What is the best way for parents to support	<p>Promote a sense of resilience within your child to continually improve their work. Too often students see projects that are just a series of tasks. To achieve top quality marks, top quality work that has been continually improved is essential.</p>

students in this subject?	
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z6hs34j https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-sketchbook-ideas#sketchbook-contents https://www.studentartguide.com/ https://www.studentartguide.com/featured/high-school-photography-projects
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	<p>‘Art takes time to make, put the time and effort in and it pays off!’</p> <p>‘Don’t just rely on working in the classroom, you need to work at home as well!’</p>