

Curriculum information for Photography Year 10

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA GCSE Art
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	September Year 10 to January Year 10. 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. February Year 10 to January Year 11. Students will produce a second Art project as above to further reinforce their previous learning. Within each project students must demonstrate the ability to: • 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?	Students currently in Y10 will complete one external exam when they reach the end of Year 11. They will receive the exam paper in January of Year 11, which will contain a number of different starting points (themes). There will then be a period of preparation time, which will culminate in a 2-day, 10-hour practical exam. This represents 40% of the total GCSE mark.
What should students be focusing on?	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. Art takes time to make; it needs time to make it good.
What is the best way for parents to support	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.

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?	‘Art takes time to make, put the time and effort in and it pays off!’ ‘Don’t just rely on working in the classroom, you need to work at home as well!’