

## Curriculum information for Photography Year 10

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| <b>Which exam board and course are used?</b>                             | AQA GCSE Photography                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>What curriculum topics are being covered this year?</b>               | <p>September Year 10 to December Year 10.</p> <p>Students will have several skills workshops centred about a theme to teach them skills in various areas of photography such as lighting techniques, camera settings and photoshop. This will introduce the students to new techniques and methods of constructing a GCSE project.</p> <p>January Year 10 to January Year 11.</p> <p>Students will be given number of starting points/theme ideas and choose a theme to produce their coursework project which follows on from previous learning as they apply skills they have learnt in the workshops.</p> <p>Within each project students must demonstrate the ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop their ideas through investigations informed by selecting and critically analysing sources</li> <li>• apply an understanding of relevant practices in the creative and cultural industries to their work</li> <li>• refine their ideas as work progresses through experimenting with media, materials, techniques, and processes</li> <li>• record their ideas, observations, insights, and independent judgements, visually and through written annotation, using appropriate specialist vocabulary, as work progresses</li> <li>• use visual language critically as appropriate to their own creative intentions and chosen area(s) of study</li> <li>• realise personal intentions through sustained application of the creative process.</li> <li>• coursework portfolio represents 60% of the total GCSE mark</li> </ul> |
| <b>How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?</b> | <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>What should students be focusing on?</b>                              | <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>Photography will include written annotation and they should be working on this at home as it will be accessible to them on One Drive.</p> <p>They will also need to remember to bring in items to support them when taking Photographs – such as food/ flowers/ props/ clothing for photoshoots.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?</b>                                         | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?</b> | <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z6hs34j">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z6hs34j</a><br><br><a href="https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-sketchbook-ideas#sketchbook-contents">https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-sketchbook-ideas#sketchbook-contents</a><br><a href="https://www.studentartguide.com/">https://www.studentartguide.com/</a><br><a href="https://www.studentartguide.com/featured/high-school-photography-projects">https://www.studentartguide.com/featured/high-school-photography-projects</a> |
| <b>Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?</b>                                               | <p>‘Don’t just rely on working in the classroom, you need to work at home as well!’</p> <p>‘Make sure you are choosing a theme you are interested in, that you are able to take photos of outside of school/ bring thing’s in for!’</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |