**A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY**

Are you creative and imaginative? Do you enjoy exploring ideas and looking at

 things in different ways? If so, you should consider a course in photography. You will

enjoy developing your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills

and responding to ideas and issues in ways that are personal to you.

***What does the course involve?***

Photography is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating ideas. It inspires creative thinkers. Photography means ‘drawing with light’ and that is what photographers do when they take a picture. Many photographers have explored various techniques to create images that make a personal statement about things that have interested or concerned them. The most exciting aspect of photography is that you are capturing the world as you see it. AS and A-level are practical courses in which you learn by doing, so you will be able to create imaginative personal work.

***Course content:***

You will find out about a whole range of techniques and processes. You will develop your creativity and independent thought, learn to express yourself visually and let your imagination flourish. Photography is a great companion to all other subjects as creativity, imagination and problem solving skills can give you great ideas for your other subjects. You will experience:

* Portraiture
* Landscape photography
* Still-life photography
* Experimental imagery

***What exams and coursework are involved?***

At A-level for component 1 you will develop work for a personal investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material. This will count for 60% of your total A-level marks. In component 2 you will produce personal work in response to one of eight exciting starting points which will count for 40% of your total A-level marks.

***What are the entry qualifications?***

Photography AS and A-level builds on the skills, knowledge and understanding developed through study at GCSE. A successful A Level student shows strong commitment, motivation and enthusiasm and is prepared to do more than the minimum amount required. A grade B in GCSE Art and Design is desirable but we will set students a task which they will be assessed on when they sign up for the course.

***What could I do after completing the course?***

At the end of the A-level course you will have the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for higher education. Studying a photography related degree at university will give you all sorts of exciting career opportunities, including: Commercial, photographer, Fashion photographer, Filmmaker, Fine art photographer, Forensic photographer, Industrial photographer, Medical photographer, Nature photographer, Photographic illustrator, Photographic technician, Teacher, Photojournalist, Picture editor, Researcher, Social photographer.

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