

Photography GCSE



Year 9 Options

Course structure...

AQA Photography GCSE

60% Coursework + 40% Externally set task

Coursework (60%)...

At least two complete projects which include sketchbook investigations and final pieces.

Externally set task (40%)...

AQA will issue an exam paper in the January of your Y11 studies. This exam paper will have different project headings. You will be required to choose 1 title and then you will have 10 weeks to create a sketchbook investigating this theme and exploring final piece ideas. Following this 10-week period, you will sit a 10-hour exam and during this time you will create the final piece you have planned in your sketchbook.

Important things to remember...

- EVERY SINGLE THING you do from this point onward will affect your GCSE grade. Every lesson, every task and every homework is designed as part of your coursework project which means it requires 100% effort and you should always complete things to the very best of your ability.
- Studying GCSE Photography requires a high level of maturity and independence, we want each of you to create work which is personal and creative.
- Organisation is KEY, ensure you keep all of your work safe, never throw anything away and keep your sketchbook in a clear, understandable order.
- Enjoy yourself – this is your opportunity to be creative and express yourself whilst developing skills, knowledge and understanding that are very relevant to the modern world.
- **Your sketchbooks are worth 75% of your grade.**

Why study Photography GCSE?

- Photography is a brand new GCSE option offered at Hurstmere for the first time!
- Photography is 100% practical based coursework subject.
- You will have access to a DSLR camera, photoshop, photographic lighting and back drop.
- You will learn time management and organisation skills.

Assessment...

All of your work will be marked against four assessment objectives, and it is really important that you know and understand these so that you know exactly how to achieve.

Assessment Objective 1 (AO1)

**Develop ideas
through
investigations,
demonstrating critical
understanding of
sources.**



How can you
achieve this?

- Research different photographers, try out their style and write about their photographs.
- Analyse the work that you create referring back to your theme.
- Try things in lots of different ways.
- Create photographs for different purposes.
- Investigate and plan relevant ideas.
- Record your visits to art galleries.

Assessment Objective 2 (AO2)

Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.

How can you
achieve this?

- Create work using lots of different styles and techniques.
- Analyse and evaluate your work, changing it as you go to make it better.
- Refine and develop – Always think, how can this be more successful?
- Take risks and, if something didn't work, explain why to show your understanding.
- Design a range of different ideas.

Assessment Objective 3 (A03)

**Record ideas,
observations and
insights relevant
to intentions as
work progresses.**

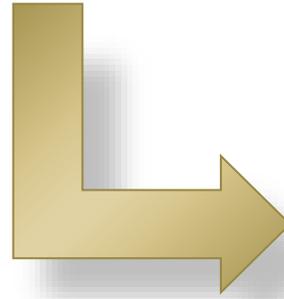
How can you
achieve this?

- Use art specific terminology and show you understand the technical side of drawing/painting.
- Create high quality photos relevant to your area of study.
- Present your ideas and thoughts using drawing, writing and photographs.
- Analyse your own work and the work of others.
- Explain your thought process and the artistic decisions you make.
- Ensure your work is clearly presented.
- Ensure there is meaning and purpose behind your work – concept.

Assessment

Objective 4 (AO4)

Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.



- Plan possible ideas in your sketchbook.
- Ensure your final piece has a clear meaning and purpose.
- Experiment with different ways of communicating your meaning.
- Create a highly skilled final outcome which is clearly linked to your sketchbook investigation.

Possible Career Paths – Photography

- **Animation**
- **Art Therapy**
- **Architect**
- **Artist**
- **Education**
- **Film**

- **Graphic Design**
- **Photography**
- **Tattoo Artist**
- **Interior Design**
- **Website Designer**