

# Photography

**Course Type:** A Level

**Exam Board:** Eduqas

## **Course Entry Requirements:**

Standard (Five GCSE subjects at a minimum grade 4 or the equivalent including Maths and English).

## **Why Study Photography?**

It is impossible to imagine a world without images... they started with cave paintings and with the advent of technology, sophistication in the creation of an image has resulted in digital photography.

If you are willing to work hard, and are curious about the creation of imagery in our culture, then this course is ideal. Our Photography course is not just about learning how to take effective photographs - you will learn how to use a variety of historical and contemporary photographic techniques including dark room techniques and editing in Photoshop. You will develop to be effective, skilled and creative in the use of a camera and a variety of additional equipment, learning to apply this in a creative and focussed way. You will also learn about the history of photography and how to analyse, evaluate and interpret your own and professional images.

## **What Will I Study? Course Content**

Through project-based learning you will be taught the necessary technical and creative skills to take and manipulate photographic images in such a way that you can effectively realise your ideas.

The course will cover camera techniques, studio photography, use of Photoshop and will explore ways of using photographic images in a wider context including Fine Art & Advertising. You will develop the visual language skills to enable you to comprehend, understand, evaluate and respond personally to photographic imagery.

**15%** of the course assessment involves the production of finished photographs, the remaining **85%** is image manipulation, written research and evaluation.

## **How will I be assessed?**

In the first term you will complete a project-based coursework unit based around your exploration of processes and techniques working within a given theme.

From the second term you will devise and pursue your own coursework project (including an essay based Personal Study) that in addition to your first term's work is worth 60%; before completing a final externally set assignment of ten weeks culminating in 15 hours of moderated work in May of year two worth 40% of the qualification.