

PHOTOGRAPHY

COURSE DETAILS

Qualification: AQA GCSE Photography

Specification Code: 8206

Website: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8206/specification>

What is Photography?

Photography is one of the corner stones of the world. Just take a minute to stop and count how many images you are exposed to on a daily basis. This course will engage your creativity on a whole new level and help you to understand how to construct images that have a wow factor! Following this course you will be prepared to carve out your desired career in photography or at least make you highly visible on Instagram!

Photography is an exciting course that aims to get you prepared for many possible careers including: Advertising, Commercial, Editorial, Sports, Fashion, Film, Food, Forensic, Industrial, Architectural, Portraiture, Travel and Wedding photography. Photographs are visible everywhere because we love the photographic representation of ourselves, and our world, therefore there is a huge market for photographic work.

Advertising, Magazines, Newspapers and many other industries rely on the power of images within their work. The film industry makes use of “Directors of Photography” who are responsible for designing the look of a film, its lighting and use of the camera. Photographers all over the world are employed to take “Still Life” images and “portraits” as these artists portray their view of the world. Photographs are used in galleries, books, the internet and even decorate the walls of our homes. The course will give you the skills and enthusiasm to take amazing pictures, work creatively and share your ideas visually.

The creative potential within this course will teach you many skills that will not only help you become more creative but support your learning in many other ways. Develop critical thinking and analytical skills, learn how to use ICT and develop your projects digitally, learn problem solving on a whole new level and develop a social awareness of the world around you.

Throughout the course you will be asked to work on several projects that look at many different areas of photography; Advertising, Commercial, Editorial, Sports, Fashion, Film, Food, Industrial, Architectural, Portraiture or Travel. Through these projects you will develop your understanding of the technical and artistic aspects of the art form through areas such as; aperture, framing, shutter speed, ISO, form, colour, shape, depth of field and many more. These projects will then get you ready for the assessment within the course that will include building portfolios of your work and responding to a brief set by the exam board within your end of Year 11 exam.

What careers and University courses can Photography lead to?

Photography could lead to academic or vocational degrees relating to Art careers, Advertising, Commercial work, Editorial, Fashion, Film, Food, Forensic, Industrial, Architectural, Aerial, Portraiture and Wedding photography, Sports and Travel, Press photography, Photojournalism, Fine Art, Editing, Fashion photography or Styling, the Film industry, Forensic science, Curating, Image Library, etc

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