

# GCSE Art and Design: Photography

## Overview

This strand of the GCSE Art and Design qualification focuses exclusively on photography, enabling learners to acquire specialist subject skills and knowledge.

## What will I study?

Whilst the units of study remain the same as the general Art and Design course, learners will study photography in-depth, exploring traditional and digital photography techniques. They will learn how to use digital software, including Photoshop and Lightroom.

Shoots will be based on a number of different photographic genres, including still life, documentary, conceptual, fashion, and commercial, ensuring learners gain valuable practical experience.

## Assessment

Learners are assessed through coursework, and a controlled examination, both of which are marked internally and moderated externally.

| Units                                   | Content   | Weight |
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| Unit 1:<br>Portfolio                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exploring a range of techniques and approaches, learners will develop a chosen theme into an extensive portfolio. This will include critically examining the work of artists, and developing their own ideas in response.</li></ul>   | 60%    |
| Unit 2:<br>Externally set<br>assignment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preparatory study period - learners supported in selecting one assignment from the examination paper. Learners will develop a personal response through critical, practical and contextual studies.</li><li>Learners will have 10 hours to produce a piece in response to their chosen assignment</li></ul> | 40%    |

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## Where can GCSE Art and Design: Photography take me?

GCSE Art and Design: Photography is an exciting opportunity for learners to begin to specialise their studies, and is well suited to those with a passion for photography, and the associated digital processes.

The course provides learners with a solid foundation of skills and knowledge they can build on through further study in a variety of subjects, such as graphic design, media and film studies. I would be of particular benefit to those considering a future career in the creative industries, or marketing and communications roles.

### Keywords from the course description:



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