

## **Subject Area: PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Qualification: GCSE**

**Exam Board: OCR**

**Syllabus Code: J173**

The PHOTOGRAPHY GCSE focuses on the development of a student's creative skills using a camera and computer to present interesting and unique ideas and images. Students explore and experiment with a range of techniques using traditional theory to support their digital development. They work towards producing a portfolio that shows their understanding and creative abilities within the world of photography. This course is 100% coursework divided over two portfolios of work completed in Year 10 and Year 11.

The course encourages students to become confident in taking risks and learn from experience when exploring and experimenting with ideas, processes, media, materials and techniques. Students are challenged to develop a critical understanding through investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical and expressive skills. This course combines both the Art and Commercial aspects of Photography in industry.

Transferable and Employability skills developed in an Art & Design GCSE:

- 1) Creativity
- 2) Problem Solving
- 3) Critical Thinking
- 4) Emotional intelligence
- 5) Adaptability and flexibility

Year 10:

- Skills based lessons learning how to use and manipulate industry standard software.
- Developing an awareness of photographic process to inform their knowledge and outcomes.
- Looking at the work of existing photographers to develop both art and commercial outcomes.
- Start the coursework portfolio worth 60% of the GCSE grade.

Year 11:

- Complete the coursework portfolio.
- Complete the set task portfolio worth 40% of the GCSE grade.

Throughout this course students will have access to a wide range of resources and specialist input giving them lots of opportunity to achieve and exceed their target grade.