

## Art & Design (Digital Photography) AS & A2 (Edexcel)

### **What is the Art Department like?**

The Art Department is made up of three areas: General Art & Design, Art & Design Textiles and Art & Design Photography.

### **What is the course about?**

The main purpose of the Art & Design (Digital Photography) course is to develop your ability to appreciate the visual world and to enable you to respond in a personal and creative way.

The art department staff devise and implement projects which will encourage you to:

- Question all preconceived notions of art and photography and personal ability.
- Trust your creative instincts.
- Express your ideas and feelings through the controlled use of a broad range of materials and techniques.
- Investigate and relate to all the evolutionary processes that are inherent in the development of good artwork.
- Articulate issues relating to the work of other artists/photographers from a variety of cultures, past and present.

### **What sort of work will I be doing?**

You will have access to high quality digital cameras and be required to work in a variety of areas of photography, which may include:

- Portraiture, documentary and /or photo-journalism
- Landscape photography
- Working from objects, still life or the natural world
- Experimental imagery

You will be encouraged to use modern digital techniques in order to produce and manipulate photographic images. At the heart of your work will be a workbook for each unit where your ideas and images are developed.

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## How will I be assessed?

Each level comprises three Units.

Each unit involves: research into photographers and artists, analysis of examples of their work, development and presentation of your own ideas/images.

The AS Level Art & Design (Digital Photography) course is comprised of two units. The two units are:

Component	Weighting	Method of Assessment
Unit 1 Coursework	60% of AS	Internally set Internally marked Externally moderated
Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment	40% of AS	Internally set Internally marked Externally moderated 8 hours timed examination

## What qualifications are recommended?

A minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade C or above, including one of the following: GCSE Art & Design, Textiles, DT Graphic / Product Design or other creative vocational courses such as a BTEC First in Media.

## What are the progression routes with this qualification?

Students may go on to Foundation Art & Design and degree courses specialising in many aspects of Art Photography including vocational, creative and editorial approaches. The course is relevant to any career involving digital media and working with images.

If you study Art & Design (Digital Photography) you may also have the option to study AS Fine Art Constructed Textiles or AS Art & Design.

## What extra work can I do?

You are expected to keep up to date with current exhibitions by visiting galleries and making sketches and photographic studies in your workbooks, and by collecting and studying material from books and magazines. You are expected to spend as much time outside class time working in your workbook and taking photographs as you do during the lesson each week.

## And finally....

**The Art department has very high expectations - we believe that everyone has the potential to be creative in a personal and meaningful way. Learning how to become a fully functioning artist/photographer is hard work but also a lot of fun!**