CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 2018-19



Photography A Level



Curriculum Overview

A Level Photography: Lens and Light Based Media 2018-19

Year group: 12 and 13 A level Photography

Subject (include exam board if examination subject): AQA Lens and Light Based

Media (Photography)

Periods per fortnight: 8/10 (Depending on group)

Term	Topics studied Human Form and Nature	Extended learning opportunities (homework, controlled assessments, field work, trips etc.)	How parents could support students
Autumn Half Term 1	Initial Assessment tests -: What Is Photography?	(Research the science and definitions 2/3 paragraphs only) Research different types of cameras including a photograph of each. How does the SLR Camera work?	Students will need resources for the course in terms of a school photography pack available via parent mail. Students will need a DSLR camera with removable lens. Film camera — optional however, these can be bought fairly cheaply second hand. Encourage/support student to complete the 5 hours weekly extended learning at home or by using the departments CFE 6th form art and photography room/studio and dark room.
	Early Photographers	A few paragraphs and pictures about the early pioneers of Photography – Sir David Brewster, William Fox Talbot, Louise Daguerre Joseph Niepce.	
	The Camera Lucida and Pinhole Camera.	Research these two early cameras including the history and diagrams/picture of what the camera looks like and how it operates.	
	Apertures Your own aperture pictures x 6 - people/nature themed	Apertures Explain what they are and how they work - (Use diagrams) Take between 4-6 photographs that show the use of different apertures and depth of field. (You must use people in your aperture photos). Print you picture on photographic paper A5 size.	
	Your own slow to fast shutter picture x 6 – people/nature themed	Shutter Speed Explain what they are and how they work. Take between 4-6 photographs that show the use of different shutter speeds from fast to slow. (You must use people in your aperture photos). Print you picture on photographic paper A5 size.	

	Light drawing	Take 3 – 4 light drawing pictures in the dark room	
	Your own light drawings x5	or studio using a slow shutter speeds. Use different sources of light. Write words and draw pictures. (Again make these people/nature themed – words, eye shape, hand shapes ect;	
		Print you picture on photographic paper A5 size.	
	Film Speed /ISO/White Balance and RAW	ISO/raw and white balance Information page with diagrams. What is it how does it work? Practice using these variables alongside the camera aperture and shutter.	
	The Pin Hole Camera Own Pinhole Photographs	How is it operated, how does it work? Where is the shutter and aperture? Diagram and/or photo of a pinhole camera and how to make one. You can make your own. • 4 photos taken on a pinhole camera showing 4 different apertures. (Use People) You must annotate the timings and size of aperture clearly in your portfolios. • Change your pin hole pictures form positive to negative on the enlarger. Mount all 8 pin hole pictures up side by side and annotate.	
	Rayographs/ Monographs/ pictograms Man ray Christian Schad Ana Atkins Your own Monographs	I paragraph of information on Man Ray/ Christian Schad/Ana Atkins. Including pictures of their work. (select/find your own Rayograph/Monograph photographer for a higher grade) Rayographs/ pictograms what are they? Produce 6 good examples of your own monographs on the enlarger in the dark room. Try to complete these people themed where possible, jewellery, adornment, belt buckles, laces, hands, glasses, watches, lace, etc; . Use transparent /opaque items/3d and stencils that you have made, like cups, bottles, wine glass, bubble wrap etc;	
Autumn Half Term 2	The Enlarger	How and Enlarger works/diagrams and label of the various parts.	Encourage/support student to complete the 5 hours weekly extended learning at
	The Dark Room	Diagram/picture of the dark Room and safety factors - to include;- (Red spots, chemicals, enlargers, equipment list – drip trays/tongs/negative/rule etc, board/filters/timer/development tanks and reel. How to develop, Stop, Fix and Wash prints in the dark room.	home or by using the departments CFE 6 th form art and photography room/studio and dark room.

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	Film camera Take photos of people on your film camera. These can be themed/styled (see examples of what others have done) Adornment, phobias etc; Experimental Dark Room Photography	Film Camera – : How to Spool Film – Practice 1 hour. How to develop film in a development tank, including timings and process. How to produce a contact sheet + your contact sheet. How to do a test strip + your test strip. Develop your film and dry Produce 8 – 10 original dark room prints from your film on the enlarger. You will need one example of each method -: Annotate your work to explain what you have done for each effect.	
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Spring Half Term 1	The Studio	Produce/experiment/take photographs using the studio lighting, back drops and gels. Mount work in your portfolio on different types of photographic studio lighting, use and effects. Include information about angle of lighting, use of reflectors and types of background screens.	Encourage/support student to complete the 5 hours weekly extended learning at home or by using the departments CFE 6 th form art and photography room/studio and dark
	Montage	Research 2 x Montage photographers such as - David Hockney Thomas Floroshetz Jacamocho Schmid Find your own montage photographer/artist for a higher mark. Compete 3 of your own montages using different techniques and your own photographs from your studio and outdoor shoot – (above)	room. Students will need to produce photoshoots off school site frequently. Parents can support by aiding students with 1.1 transport needs at weekends and after school.
	Photoshop You need to show and mount up your example photo Shop manipulations in your portfolio -: I example at least for each.	You need to manipulate your images on Photoshop. Show an example of each of the below in your portfolio -:	invest in makeup and costume during elements of the course parents can help by supporting this where possible and as required.

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Spring ½ term 2	Final idea that will result in a final Outcome – AO4 Remember your overall theme for your course work is Portraiture the Figure and/or Nature so chose your own imaginative sub theme. Complete 2/3 themed photo shoots	 Title/theme. Brain storm Moods board Photographers information that will inspire your work x2 Monographs on theme. Optional - Film shoot on theme and develop experiment with. Digital Shoot 1 -: Contact sheet. Print a range of your best work on photographic paper (originals) Edits and Photoshop manipulation of 3 - 4 photos from shoot 1. Digital shoot 2- as above Digital Shoot 3 - as above 2/3 final piece ideas with layout/materials/photo shop ideas/how to build and create/test pieces. 	Encourage/support student to complete the 5 hours weekly extended learning at home or by using the departments CFE 6th form art and photography room/studio and dark room. Students will need to produce photoshoots off school site frequently. Parents can support by aiding students with 1.1 transport needs at weekends and after school. Students may wish to invest in makeup and costume during elements of the course parents can help by supporting this where possible and as required.
Summer ½ Term 1	Insightful/Personal Annotations Aesthetic and Technical	Produce 1 or 2 as appropriate for each Photo shoot and Theme in your portfolio.	Encourage/support student to complete the 5 hours weekly extended learning at
	Selection of Individual Starting Point for Main Portfolio - 60%	 1.1 Support from the teacher View past high grade portfolio's Use theme ideas bank to research Use books/internet/articles/magazines to research 	home or by using the departments CFE 6th form art and photography room/studio and dark room.
	Selection of Starting point for 2 – 3000 word essay.	Essay draft – ongoing. Deadline – September 9 th 2019	produce photoshoots off school site frequently. Parents can support by aiding students with 1.1 transport needs at
	Portfolio/coursework start	Produce -: Moods Board Mind Map Statement of Intent 6 – 10 Photographers/designers/crafts people/ literature artists information – personal /technical and aesthetic.	weekends and after school. Students may wish to invest in makeup and costume during elements of the course parents can help by supporting this where possible and as required.
Summer ½ term 2	Film Shoot x1	 Photo shoot - Film – make a link to at least one of your Photographers -: Print out all photographs on a contact sheet 	Encourage/support student to complete the 5 hours weekly extended learning at

	DSLR Photo shoot 1 – on going – minimum 1.	 3. Print 8 – 15 of your best (A5 size) 4. Print – 3 – 4 show pieces (A4 size) 5. Develop and experiment with 2 – 3 of your images from 4. E.g: Montage Collage Sew Burn Scratch into (Scraffito) Photoshop techniques, colour, hue, tone, contrast, solarize, layer, use select tools, filters ect: As above Film or Digital (you can do Video) Make a link to at least one of your photographers. you can bring new research and Photographers into your work at any point. 	home or by using the departments CFE 6th form art and photography room/studio and dark room. Students will need to produce photoshoots off school site frequently. Parents can support by aiding students with 1.1 transport needs at weekends and after school. Students may wish to invest in makeup and costume during elements of the course parents can help by supporting this where possible and as required.
Year 13 Term 1	DSLR Photo shoot/s 1 – on going – minimum 9 - A03 Develop and Refine each Photoshoot that you complete. A01/A02 View the Develop and Refine Power point for ideas produced by your teacher for support. Mount and compile a portfolio of work maturely and sophisticatedly appropriate to your theme Coursework Deadline – February 1st 2010	As above Film or Digital (you can use moving images and animation if you wish) Make a link to at least one of your photographers. you can bring new research and Photographers into your work at any point. 1 Work 1.1 with your teacher For each shoot produce and mount up a -: 1 Contact sheet of the best from your photoshoot. 2 4/5 original show pieces – cropped and enhanced. 3 Develop and refine by re doing the photo shoot or improving on to improve your grade. 4 Refine by experimenting with a theme/s to develop your photographs by -: • Using Photoshop manipulations e.g layers, filters, tilt shift text.ect • Sew into • Burn/tear • Montage/collage • Use different papers/acetate to print onto etc. • Put images onto fabric/wood etc • Produce 3d pieces	Encourage/support student to complete the 5 hours weekly extended learning at home or by using the departments CFE 6th form art and photography room/studio and dark room. Students will need to produce photoshoots off school site frequently. Parents can support by aiding students with 1.1 transport needs at weekends and after school. Students may wish to invest in makeup and costume during elements of the course parents can help by supporting this where possible and as required.
Year 13 Term 2	1st 2019. Exam Set 1st February	Select 1 starting point from the AQA exam paper. You have 9/10 weeks to produce a personal response/portfolio of work and evidence. Exactly the same as has been done for your coursework portfolio. 1 1.1 work with teacher ongoing 9/10 weeks. Complete 1.1 conversation logs and planning logs to be shared on google classroom.	Encourage/support student to complete the 5 hours weekly extended learning at home or by using the departments CFE 6 th form art and photography

	Plan and prepare resources and test pieces for final outcomes A04 – mount into your portfolio.	room/studio and dark room. Students will need to
Controlled Period 15 hours/3 days. Date/s to be confirmed each year	 Produce Final Outcome/s in exam conditions in the department. 1 Invigilators will be present 2 Work in silence 3 Technical support will be available in terms of specialist glues, cutting tools, spray paint and wood/metal work joining. 4 You are able to use a camera/dark room/studio and printer. You cannot use the internet only Word and Photoshop. 	produce photoshoots off school site frequently. Parents can support by aiding students with 1.1 transport needs at weekends and after school. Students may wish to invest in makeup and costume during elements of the course parents can help by supporting this where possible and as required.