

KS5 CURRICULUM: Photography (YEAR 13)

Overview

This year is made up of 2 areas of study, a contextual studies assignment that consists of a minimum of 300 words with a sketchbook of work and an externally set exam unit. The contextual studies unit enables students to explore a theme of personal interest, looking at the works of photographers, socio and economic factors and advances in technology to develop them as a photographer. They will create works that enhances as well as solidifies their understanding of photographic techniques and processes, before finishing the year with an externally set exam.

	Focus / Topic	Knowledge & Skills	Assessment
Autumn 1	Contextual Studies	Students explore the photographic techniques and themes of 3 key photographers in order to develop their own abilities.	
Autumn 2	Contextual studies continued	Based on the outcomes in Autumn 1, students develop further their own ideas creating work that celebrates them as a photographic practitioner, related to their theme.	Minimum 3000 word essay, with supporting sketchbook of practical work.
Spring 1	Respond to the given theme set by the exam board	Explore a range of initial ideas related to the theme, looking at contextual sources to help aide inspiration.	
Spring 2		Develop initial ideas through further investigation exploring various forms of photographic processes both digital and physical.	
Summer 1		Continue to explore ideas to fully realise intentions, in preparation for exam.	15 hour exam.

Further Information

At points over the yr 13 course, students will need to re-visit their year 12 work to further improve the standard ensuring the consistency across the 2 years. This is in addition to the work that is already set as part of the year 13 curriculum and will enable students to obtain the higher grades.

Coursework is marked out of 90 and is worth 60% of a students grade, This is made up of 72 marks for sketchbooks and final pieces and 18 marks for essays. The exam is worth 40% and is made up of sketchbooks and final pieces completed from Spring 1 of year 13 until the exam date.

Exam board details and information can be found at <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/art-and-design-2015.html>