



Photography

Why should I study GCSE Photography?

GCSE Photography aims to allow you to explore the creative possibilities of the exciting world of photography. This course aims to allow you to develop a lifelong passion for photography. Creative themes such as Surrealism and Experimental Portraiture will allow freedom to learn and experiment. Photography is one of the most important art forms and to develop photography skills in composition and analysis will be an exciting challenge.

What will I learn about?

In this course, you will learn how to use a digital camera, other lens-based media and computer software to complete a series of creative projects. The course will involve researching the different genres of photography from documentary/photojournalism to commercial and fine art photography. The main emphasis will be on experimentation and the development of ideas towards personal outcomes that show a strong visual and conceptual understanding.

You must be prepared to take extensive photographs in your own time. Artistic experimentation with materials/paint and processes may be used to enhance photography experimentation and presentation.

Your work will include both theory and practice, but the emphasis will be on your own creative use of photography based on practical assignments.

You will need to learn how to use the camera and its controls, how to use a computer to modify images, how to use the visual elements in photography and how to effectively present your work. You will develop your ability to discuss and make judgements about your own photographs and those of others. You will also need to learn about some of the major photographers who have influenced people's ideas of what makes a good photographer.

How will my work be assessed?

COMPONENT 1: PORTFOLIO OF WORK (60%)
COMPONENT 2: EXTERNALLY SET ASSIGNMENT (40%)

Within each component, there are four assessment objectives (AOs) that are used to determine your grade: **DEVELOP, REFINE, RECORD** and **PRESENT**.

Who can I speak to for more information?

For more information about Photography please contact Miss Betty Curriculum Area Leader: Art and Design or contact options@penistone-gs.uk.