



KS4 Curriculum Overview (Year 9, 10 and 11)

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Students receive regular feedback and internal assessment throughout the three years.

Year 9

During Year 9 students will develop their understanding of the basics of photography such as compositional techniques, the camera and the history of photography. As the course develops so does the theme and techniques the students will experiment with. They will cover photographic elements such as photomontage, distortion, types of photography and dark room experience where possible. Finally, the students will follow a mini personal project which will surround a theme and take them through the key components of a photography response project, such as planning for a shoot and how to work towards a final project outcome.

Students analysing their own and others work and internal assessment/ feedback will occur throughout the course.

Year 10

Students begin their coursework at the start of the course in September of year 10 and continue with this throughout Years 10 and the start of 11. Students use a sketchbook to show off their thinking, developments, planning, experimentation and prints. Within this year students also have the opportunity to partake in an artist workshop and/or gallery trip.

Internal assessment and feedback to students occurs throughout the course and a mock art exam will take place once this year.

Year 11

During Year 11 students complete their coursework project and partake in a mock exam which runs parallel in terms of timings and workload to the final GCSE art exam. This allows students to understand the commitment and level of work required to achieve in Art.

For the final exam in April of Year 11 students are required to respond to a theme set by the exam board. They are also expected to keep a work journal/sketchbook for this assignment, to show evidence of the development of their ideas to its final outcome, responding and analysing photographers who have connections with their own personal work.

Exam board= Edexcel

Coursework assignment(s) = 60%

One final exam with preparation = 40%