



A LEVEL

PHOTOGRAPHY

Course Summary

COURSE OVERVIEW

Photography develops creative and technical skills in lens-based media. Students explore digital and analogue processes, visual storytelling, and personal themes through experimentation and research. The course includes an investigation and externally set assignment, encouraging independence, critical analysis, and a compelling portfolio for further study or creative careers.

WHY SHOULD I STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY?

Studying Photography at A-level nurtures creative thinking, technical skill, and visual storytelling. It encourages experimentation, critical analysis, and personal expression—essential for careers in art, media, or design. You'll explore diverse themes, develop a unique voice, and build a compelling portfolio that opens doors to university and creative industries.

WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

Photography, Visual Communication, Film Production, Fine Art, Fashion Imaging, Graphic Design, Journalism, Advertising, and Media Studies.

WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

fashion photography, photojournalism, advertising, filmmaking, fine art, social media content creation, and visual storytelling. It builds technical skill, creative direction, and conceptual thinking—valuable in roles like art director, curator, editor

COURSE SPECIFICATION

EXAM BOARD: AQA

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	Component 1 - Coursework showing technical skills and a Personal Investigation with a personal study of 1000-3000 words.	n/a	60%
2	Externally Set Assignment - includes preparatory work and a practical exam	15 hours	40%