

GCSE Photography



Longdean School
'Rejoice in thy youth'

Course Overview

GCSE Art, Craft and Design will offer you an exciting opportunity to develop your creativity in a supportive and forward-thinking Art department. As a Photography student, you will be given the opportunity to explore a broad range of skills and techniques. This includes: digital photography, cyanotypes, editing, image manipulation, studio photography, pro create and photoshop. As a Photography student, you will be studying a variety of 'themed' projects, in which you can develop your ideas in a personal and creative way. The study of other artists' and photographers' work is an essential component of the course.

The course is structured to cover the four Assessment Objectives listed below for both the coursework and exam units:

- Contextual Research
- Experimentation
- Observational
- Personal Responses

Assessment

Students will be given a termly working at grade. Teachers will regularly give 'success' and 'target' feedback to students to support their development and progression. Self-evaluation of work is also completed regularly, as well as peer assessment to show students understand how they can develop.

The course is made of 2 different units:

Unit 1:

Coursework, students will work through two linked projects leading up to the mock exam, they will produce 2 sustained outcomes. This part of the course is 60% of the final grade.

Unit 2:

Externally set assignment, this is a project that will be carried out in the final spring term of the course. The theme for this project is set by the exam board, students will prepare for a 10 hour timed piece which will take place around the Easter break.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be based on the student's current projects and will build on the lesson work they have been producing. Home learning examples may include drawing, research, planning, analysis and evaluation tasks. These tasks contribute to their final grade and should be completed to the best of the student's ability. As a guide, students are expected to complete 1½ hours of home learning per week.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.html>

Please come and visit any member of the Art Department who can show you exemplar work and sketchbooks.