

Photography

A-Level

What is the course about?

For the first year you will follow a broad course giving you the chance to develop technical skills in how to use a camera, as well as experiment with different techniques in digital photographic retouching & image manipulation. You will also be introduced to the works of photographers and artists in support of your own work. In Year 13 you will specialise in a chosen theme use appropriate techniques to produce finished outcomes.

What kind of students is this course suitable for?

You will need to be highly self-motivated, be prepared to visit art & photography galleries in order to observe works from first hand, be able to develop ideas and show evidence of sustained investigation and exploration, be able to produce your own photographs fluently articulating connections with the work of others, but most of all, have a genuine interest in Photography.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

This course builds on the skills, knowledge and understanding acquired by candidates that studied Art at GCSE, but this is not essential. You may need to submit a Photographic portfolio evidencing your skills and enthusiasm for the subject.

Are there any special considerations I need to be aware of?

Success on this course is dependent on students being able to continue their work at home so having access to a camera is essential. Visits to art galleries are also an essential part of the course, therefore there are travel and cost implications.

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

As it plays an important part in today's world, training in Photography can open up a range of career opportunities, from fashion & portrait, still life & product advertising, to Photojournalism. Equally; creativity, self-expression, visual literacy, critical awareness, presentation skills etc, are transferable across all subject areas and to future employment



What if I need further advice or information?

 Speak to a member of the department

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