

GCSE Information - Photography

Exam board	AQA GCSE Art & Design: Photography
Units / papers students are entered for	Externally Set Assignment
Key Assessment Dates	Autumn Term 1: Coursework Autumn Term 2: Coursework Spring 1: Coursework Spring 2: Coursework
Topics covered in Yr10 Autumn term	<p>The Basics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to the course ● Key information given on the DSLR body and lens, focusing and print quality. ● Altering the resolution of images and working with Apertures. ● Using and experimenting with shutter speeds. ● Light Painting and artist investigations. ● The formal elements and Wrong photographs.
Topics covered in Yr10 Spring term	<p>Abstract and Strange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Various contexts for inspiration introduced to students, such as artists, sculptures, music and waste materials. ● In depth research into Saul Leiter's work which in turn inspires a range of photoshoots and developed imagery. ● Basic digital editing introduced ● Opportunity for beginnings of more student led work towards the end of the project
Topics covered in Yr10 Summer term	<p>Rethink and Reuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Various contexts for inspiration introduced to students, such as the ready made, still life and paper. ● Various digital and hand editing techniques shown <p>Yr10 End of Year Exam Mock Externally Set Assignment</p>

<p>Topics covered in Yr11 Autumn term</p>	<p>Mock Externally Set Assignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working to show evidence of each of the four assessment objectives. ● This is an opportunity for students to have a test run at the externally set assignment before the January paper is released. ● Each student will have their own area of focus, chosen from a given list of approx 6 titles/themes taken from past papers.
<p>Topics covered in Yr11 Spring term</p>	<p>Externally Set Assignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working to show evidence of each of the four assessment objectives. ● The paper is released to students in January and then they will have to select their area of focus, chosen from a given list of approx 6 titles/themes. ● They will use the knowledge they have gained in year 10 to inform their judgements on what media and techniques to use. ● Students will have 10hours of independent working time to resolve the project.
<p>Topics covered in Yr11 Summer term</p>	<p>Study Leave</p>
<p>Useful resources to support learning in this subject</p>	<p>Free online photo editing sites https://pixlr.com/ https://www.photopea.com/</p> <p>Sites for inspiration: https://artsandculture.google.com/ https://www.artsy.net/ https://www.thisiscolossal.com/ https://www.artistaday.com/ https://theartyteacher.com/photographers-themes/ http://www.art2day.co.uk/photography2.html</p>

GCSE Guidance:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjymp9q>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201-8206/subject-content/photography>