

# Curriculum Overview

Subject: GCSE Photography

Year Group: 11

The Year 11 GCSE Photography course structure develops from the Year 10 scheme of work by developing the student's independence by preparing for the Component Two Externally Set Exam. Students will complete a mock exam project in the same format as the real exam, choosing a brief from an exam style booklet before utilising previous skills to follow their own line of enquiry. This means that independent learning skills ready for the real exam in term 2.

All lesson PowerPoints and resources as well as the student's personal hand in folders are available to find in the courses allocated Workspace folder.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
<p><b>KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS</b> Fourth Sustained Investigation <b>Mock Exam Period –</b> Lessons are used to create a structure for the students as they work through their project, giving appropriate tasks and deadlines that build their independent portfolio. Students are supported in taking steps to move from a position of dependence to independence. They are provided with a mock exam booklet similar to that of the real exam and get to choose from a range of possible starting points and themes. [These are taken from previous AQA Exam papers] The teacher supports personal developments, opening up possibilities in a less directed manner through negotiation, suggested possibilities and related advice.</p>	<p><b>KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS</b> <b>Component Two – Exam</b> Students will choose the starting point they wish to develop after discussion with the teacher.  Students will continue to build on their previous Component 1 experiences and achievements, reflecting on previous work. They will develop their portfolios, preparing to create a final piece in the 10 hours of supervised exam time.</p>	<p><b>KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS</b> <b>Coursework Review and Intervention</b>  Students are given time to reflect on previous coursework and will be guided to complete or improve upon any unfinished work from Component 1 ready for the final deadline.</p>
<p><b>KEY ASSESSMENTS</b>  Half term 1: Component 1 assessment  Half term 2:Mock Exam</p>	<p><b>KEY ASSESSMENTS</b>  Half term 1:Component 2 Overview  Half term 2:Component 2 Exam</p>	<p><b>KEY ASSESSMENTS</b>  Half term 1: Component 1 Coursework Deadline  Half term 2:N/A</p>

Extended reading suggestions and external resources:  
**AQA Art and Art and Design Photography - Specification**  
<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/art-and-design/specifications/AQA-ART-GCSE-SP-2016.PDF>  
**Books -**  
 Read This If You Want To take Great Photographs – Henry Carroll  
 The Photographer's Playbook: 307 Assignments and Ideas – Gregory Halpern  
 Essential Adobe Photoshop CC: The easy way to learn Photoshop