

Photography

GCSE

AQA

Syllabus details

The **AQA 3206** syllabus is followed.

What does the course include?

This course enables you to study digital photography for one year as an endorsed option of GCSE Art.

The work will include both theory and practice but the emphasis will be on your own creative use of photography, based on practical assignments.

The theory will include the camera and its controls, the use of a computer to modify images and the presentation of work. You will develop your ability to discuss and make judgements about your own photographs and those of others. You will also need to learn about some of the major photographers who have influenced people's ideas of what makes a good photograph.

How will I learn?

There will be five hours of lesson contact time a week and you will be expected to do a minimum of a further two hours of homework and independent study.

There will be theory lessons to introduce you to the knowledge and techniques you will need to control your photography and produce the kind of pictures you want. You will use sketchbooks to record your development of ideas, research and exploratory work.

You will also carry out a series of practical assignments, working both outside and in the WMSF using digital cameras and a computer.

How will my work be assessed?

Throughout the course you will be kept informed about your level of achievement, your progress, and the grade you can expect if you continue to work as you are doing. There is no written examination paper.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

The course is demanding and calls for a mixture of the skills required to study art and ICT. You need to be able to work independently and to motivate yourself.

What are the entry requirements?

Although no previous experience is necessary, you should have some artistic ability and an interest in photography and ICT and a commitment to learning more about these.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

GCSE Photography at grade C or above would enable you to progress to A Level Photography.

It gives you a firm foundation for progression to courses in digital imaging in Colleges of Further Education, and it could even be used to progress to GNVQ Advanced Level Art and Design.