

# **Photography**

**(Exam Board: AQA )**

## **What do I need?**

Most students will be expected to have achieved **at least grade 4** in GCSE Art & Design, Photography or a related subject as an entry requirement for the course.

## **Student Profile:**

As a prospective student of Advanced Level Photography you will be a person who loves to explore ideas and capture images. You will be proactive; seeking out articles and exhibitions that help you learn about contemporary photography and develop your own creative projects. You will need to be hard working and well-organised to achieve the standards of practical and theoretical work required for A Level. If you bring the effort and enthusiasm, we will support your efforts and champion your ideas you all the way!

## **What will I learn?**

### Coursework Portfolio:

The course will be delivered with A Level Art and Design with which it shares the same assessment framework and course Structure. We anticipate that there will be a good creative interplay that will enrich both our Art and Photography courses.

After an introductory foundation project, students will commence a Personal Investigation exploring self-identified themes and subjects and engaging in experimentation and development work towards a final presentation. The practical work is accompanied by a Personal Study; an extended essay in which students research photographer's work and develop their understanding of their own practise.

### External Assignment:

Students respond to one of a set of themes and starting points provided by the exam board. After a ten week preparatory period students sit a 'supervised assessment' of ten hours in which they prepare their final presentation.

## **How will I be assessed?**

Assessment Structure:

Coursework Portfolio: 60%

External Assignment: 40%