



Y10MS Learning Journey 2025-2026. Subject: Art & Design: Photography GCSE

Exam Requirements: Your GCSE in Art & Design is structured and assessed in the following way:

Component 1: Portfolio	Component 2: Externally Set Task
60% of Grade	40% of Grade

Overview of the Year:

Week Beginning	The focus of your learning or revision this week:	Key assessment pieces or specific homework tasks (including deadlines of any coursework/NEAs)
08/09/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO1:Develop ideas – artist research and photo shoots)	Completing any unfinished class tasks at home
15/09/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO2:Experiment & Refine - editing techniques and processes) (AO3:Record – write up of photo shoots and development work)	
22/09/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO1:Develop ideas – artist research and photo shoots)	
29/09/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO2:Experiment & Refine - editing techniques and processes) (AO3:Record – write up of photo shoots and development work)	
06/10/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO1:Develop ideas – artist research and photo shoots)	
13/10/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO2:Experiment & Refine - editing techniques and processes) (AO3:Record – write up of photo shoots and development work)	
20/10/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO1:Develop ideas – artist research and photo shoots)	
Half Term		
03/11/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO2:Experiment & Refine - editing techniques and processes) (AO3:Record – write up of photo shoots and development work)	Completing any unfinished class tasks at home
10/11/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO3:Record – record ideas and develop ideas for final outcome/s through photo shoots)	
17/11/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO3:Record – record ideas and develop ideas for final outcome/s through photo shoots)	

24/11/25	Component 1: Portfolio - Assessment Week One	
01/12/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO4: Response – final coursework outcome/s)	Completing any unfinished class tasks at home
08/12/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO4: Response – final coursework outcome/s)	
15/12/25	Component 1: Portfolio (AO4: Response – final coursework outcome/s)	
Christmas Break		
05/01/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO1:Develop ideas – mind map, mood board)	Completing any unfinished class tasks at home
12/01/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO1:Develop ideas – artist research and photo shoots)	
19/01/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO1:Develop ideas – artist research and photo shoots)	
26/01/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO2:Experiment & Refine – photo shoots and editing)	
02/02/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO2:Experiment & Refine – photo shoots and editing)	
09/02/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO2:Experiment & Refine – photo shoots and editing)	
Half Term		
23/02/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO3:Record – record ideas and developing plan for final outcome/s)	Completing any unfinished class tasks at home
02/03/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work - Assessment Week Two	
09/03/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO3:Record – record ideas and developing plan for final outcome/s)	Completing any unfinished class tasks at home
16/03/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO3:Record – record ideas and developing plan for final outcome/s)	Completing any unfinished class tasks at home
23/03/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO3:Record – Ensure all prep. work is completed including time plan)	
30/03/26	Component 2: Externally Set Assignment Prep. Work (AO3:Record – Ensure all prep. work is completed including time plan)	Component 2: ESA Prep. Work handed in before Easter
Easter Break		
20/04/26	Controlled 10 Hours Commence this Week	Component 2: Final Outcome Completed in 10 Hours
27/04/26		
04/05/26		
11/05/26	GCSEs Start	

<p>Exam Practice:</p> <p>Question paper : Component 2 NEA - externally set assignment - February 2023 (for reference only as themes change each year)</p>	<p>Revision Materials:</p> <p>The best possible ‘revision’ you can do for Art & Design is to spend time completing Component 1 – taking time to practice and refine our work.</p>
<p><u>Glossaries: Where to find them:</u></p> <p>AQA Subject specific vocabulary</p>	<p><u>Advice and Guidance for Revision</u></p> <p>AQA Art and Design A-level Specification</p>