



GCSE Photography – 3hr Option

Wales High School - Year 9 Subject Options

Subject Content - What will you be doing?

Portfolio Unit (60% of the qualification):

Students will work on practical coursework towards a portfolio which will cover a broad range of photography skills.

Assessment Objectives:

Critical understanding, creative making, reflective recording and personal presentation.

Skills will be developed in:

- How to effectively use a camera in different situations.
- Photoshop, creative mixed media drawing techniques suitable for different purposes.
- Analytical and critical understanding - extended writing which explores historical and contemporary photographers.
- Learning to think and evaluate both creatively and independently.
- Creating personal responses within artworks which reflect research and ideas.
- Creative presentation and selection of portfolio to submit for assessment.

Externally Set Controlled Assignment (40% of the qualification):

This begins in January of Y11. Students will select a starting point from a range set by the exam board. They will produce work on this theme for approximately 7 weeks. At the end of this time students have 10 hours under exam conditions to complete a final piece.

Key Points about the Subject

- Feeds into creative media professions and university courses such as illustration, graphic design, advertising, photo-journalism, computer game design and many more.
- Develops visual literacy and a critical awareness of the images that surround us.
- Expands creative thinking and extended analytical writing skills.
- Promotes independent learning through taking photographs outside school and individually tailored portfolio work.
- Develops strong and varied Photoshop skills.

Who can I speak to for more information?

Miss R Smith (Subject Leader), Mr G Swain, Mr A Cook, Miss J Podmore, Miss G Gladwin and Mrs Z Whitaker.