

# Why Choose Photography?

**Photography** allows you to develop your creative and technical skills as well as bringing your own interests into the subject.

Studying Photography gives you the opportunity to utilise a range of equipment including SLR cameras, mobile phone technology, and i Pads and to work in a dedicated computer suite using specialist editing programmes. These include Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.

You will work on a range of briefs that include studio and location photography.



In lessons you will be working individually on a topic or commission brief with the guidance of your art teacher. You will develop skills in exploring a range of materials, techniques and processes and have the opportunity to investigate the work of photographers. You will produce individual pieces of work and be expected to go out and take photographs.

Choose Photography as an option and you will have the chance to visit other cities to study photographers from the twentieth century whilst also putting your technical skills into practice. You will be able to work with local photographers and display your work throughout the local community.



**At Alun School,**  
our experienced teaching team provide  
expert guidance and tuition.

In addition, Art and Design studios and an ICT suite will be available for independent work, before and after school and during lunchbreak.

# GCSE Photography

## Assessment Information

**Examining Board:** WJEC    **Accreditation:** GCSE Grades A\* - G

During Years 10 and 11 you will produce a 'Portfolio' consisting of two units of coursework which is worth 60% of your final GCSE grade.

In January of Year 11 you will be issued with an 'Externally Set Assignment'. This will require you to produce preparatory work with a ten hour period of sustained focused work.

The 'Externally Set Assignment' is worth 40% of your final GCSE grade.

You will be expected to support all your work in class by producing self-directed research outside of the classroom environment. This is an essential requirement of the course.

## Who is suitable for this course?

To be successful it is important that you have an interest in Art and Design and that are willing to take photographs. You will be expected to be self-motivated, dedicated, enthusiastic and willing to express your ideas both visually and written. You will be expected to produce some drawings in relation to your photoshoots.

## Why should I take this course?

This GCSE course is an important stepping stone to an exciting future and can help you to develop transferable skills that will be of use in any career or job. Design-related work is the second largest money earner for Britain after the retail industry.

GCSE Photography will give you an excellent grounding for multiple career opportunities within:

Fashion Photography

Enterprise and Online Business

Marketing

Advertising

Sports Photography

Design

Journalism

Architecture

Teaching  
and  
Lecturing

Wedding and Events  
Photography

Publishing and the Media

Freelance Photography

## Future Options

After studying GCSE Photography you could:

Study Advanced Level Fine Art/Photography or Graphics in the Sixth Form;

Study for a degree in an art and design-related course or another subject at University;

Get a job. Employers are looking for people who are enthusiastic, imaginative and ready to adapt to change - in other words, people who are creative.

## For Further Information

Please contact the Art and Design department.

