

Course Title

A Level Photography

Aims of the Course

The Photography course encourages personal, creative and imaginative approaches to art and design using Lens and Light based media (Film, Photography and darkroom practice using analogue and digital techniques).

What will you study?

The course allows students to follow a broad, open course, or to specialise in one preferred way of working across a four-unit structure over 2 years. Students work with both traditional and new media to produce creative, conceptual responses to given themes.

The main emphasis is on personal development and building up of a portfolio both for assessment and progression onto higher levels. This is achieved through the wider development of *formal visual art skills* and gradual development of more individual *expressive ways of working* (process and technique). Artists work, both traditional and contemporary plays an important role in the development of coursework and there by encourages the students to broaden their subject knowledge and contextual understanding.

How will you be assessed?

The full A level qualification is made up of 2 coursework projects and 2 externally set assignments, (Exams).

All work is internally marked then Externally Verified by a visiting moderator.

What wider skills will you develop?

Visual Presentation and extended writing skills (academic study)

Critical thinking skills via group critiques and personal review

A lifelong appreciation for the Arts underpinning (the soft skills of) lateral thinking & problem solving.

What are the future options from the course?

Further study at university such as Arts Foundation or degrees in Fine Art, Photography, Architecture,
Graphic Design amongst others.

Careers in the Visual/ Creative/ Performing Arts.

Who can you contact for more information?

The Course Leader is Ms Rebecca Watford (Head of Art) who can be contacted via email at Rebecca.Watford@Verulam.herts.sch.uk