

**Subject:** Art and Design GCSE Photography

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**Examination Board / Syllabus:** (AQA 8206)

## Introduction

### Areas of study

In Component 1 and Component 2 students are required to work in one or more area(s) of photography, such as: portraiture, location photography, studio photography, experimental imagery, installation, documentary photography, photo-journalism, moving image: film, video and animation, fashion photography, dark room techniques.

### What will I study?

#### Component 1 : Portfolio

A portfolio that in total shows explicit coverage of the four assessment objectives (Develop, Refine, Record, Present). Each student must select and present a portfolio representative of their course of study. The portfolio must include both:

1. A sustained project developed in response to a subject, theme, task or brief evidencing the journey from initial engagement with an idea(s) to the realisation of intentions.
2. A selection of further work resulting from activities such as trials and experiments; skills-based workshops; mini and/or foundation projects; responses to gallery, museum or site visits; work placements; independent study and evidence of the student's specific role in any group work undertaken.

The portfolio is completed and handed in at the end of January in Year 11.

#### Component 2: Externally Set Assignment

Students respond to their chosen starting point from an externally set assignment paper relating to their subject title, evidencing coverage of all four assessment objectives.

**Skills needed to study this subject:** You need a desire to explore the world around you photographically and a wish to use photography as an art form. Photography at SNHS is really the study of a wide range of light and lens-based media. We teach you how to use a camera and to think like a photographer. Our approach to photography is essentially creative. You will learn specific technical skills but also learn how to see the world through looking harder to create images in unique ways.

### How will my work be assessed?

- Coursework: 60% Component 1: Portfolio
- Exam: 40% Component 2: Externally Set Assignment

### What would this subject enable me to do when I leave school?

**Possible Careers + Future Study:** A Level Photography, Graphics, Textiles. Photography is particularly useful if you wish to study Photography, Film, Video Production, Graphic Design, Fine Art or Media at HND/Degree or for those wishing to do an Art Foundation course first. Some students have found employment directly as a Photographer's Assistant or an Editorial Assistant on a magazine.