

## GCSE

## Photography

### The Brunts Academy

#### What is Photography?

In Photography GCSE students will explore ideas, experiences and respond to a theme or issue of personal significance. They will look at different approaches to photography and use a variety of different media, techniques and materials including photo manipulation, lighting and manual camera settings - including aperture, shutter speed And ISO In Photography students will explore their imaginative, experimental side in their creative outcomes while gaining a knowledge of Art history as they research and analyse artworks.

Students will develop their skills in line with the AQA GCSE Assessment Objectives:

- AO1: Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources.
- AO2: Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes.
- AO3: Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses.
- AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.

#### Key Features of the Course:

Students will develop their own individual work, knowledge and understanding through initially experimenting with photography techniques, experimenting with different photographers and artists using photoshop leading onto development and refinement of their own work ending with a set of final outcomes.

The coursework and exam units follow the same assessment criteria and both allow students to develop work based on their chosen themes to maintain interest. Students will use the work of others to develop and extend their thinking and inform their own work.

#### What type of student is this suitable for?

Photography is suitable for students who:

- enjoyed and achieved in Art at KS3 but is interested in producing artwork using photography rather than more traditional 2D or 3D based media.
- are eager to learn about camera equipment and how to compose photography and have good creative art skills

#### What could this course lead on to?

Any career or further education where creativity is a requirement. Foundation college courses or, Advertising, Media, Architecture, Photography, Film-Making, Animation, Three-Dimensional / Product Design, Ceramics, Fashion, Textiles, Interior Design, Landscape Gardening, Illustration, & Teaching.

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<b>Unit</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Unit Content</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
<b>GCSE Unit 1</b>	Coursework Portfolio	An extended collection of work based on an idea, concept, theme or issue which demonstrates your ability to sustain work from an initial starting point to a realisation and includes evidence of your ability to research, develop ideas and link their work in a meaningful way to related critical/contextual materials.	Internally set and marked. Externally moderated. 60% of overall grade
<b>GCSE Unit 2</b>	Exam portfolio	Students choose from a selection of questions as a starting point for their assignment. The emphasis of this unit is the development of their ideas culminating in a 10 hour exam where students realise a piece of 2D or 3D work.	Externally set. Internally marked. Externally moderated. 40% of overall grade