



**RICHARD
TAUNTON**
Sixth Form College



PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOGRAPHY IS A CREATIVE SUBJECT WHICH GIVES YOU THE CHANCE TO DEVELOP YOUR OWN APPROACH TO IMAGE MAKING. THIS COURSE EXPLORES BOTH THE PRACTICAL AND AESTHETIC ASPECTS OF PHOTOGRAPHY, AND YOU WILL LEARN FROM THE IDEAS AND TECHNIQUES OF OTHER PHOTOGRAPHERS. WORK WILL BE PRIMARILY DIGITAL, BUT YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN EXPERIENCE OF WORKING WITH DARKROOM PROCESSES.

TOPICS YOU'LL COVER

YEAR ONE

- Camera skills: composition, aperture, shutter-speed, iso, depth of field
- Capturing movement
- Editing using Adobe Photoshop CC
- Mixed media experimentation
- Personal thematic project.

YEAR TWO

- An in-depth personal and creative project
- Related written assignment
- A final creative project with a 15hr Exam.

ASSESSMENT

COMPONENT 1

You will start a project and written assignment worth 60% towards the end of Year 1.

COMPONENT 2

15hr Exam 40%.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at 5 or above including English Language and Art.

A suitable portfolio of creative work may be accepted as an alternative to GCSE Art

PROGRESSION POSSIBILITIES

CAREERS: Creative and portrait photographer, stop motion designer, film maker, photography journalist, freelancer and teacher.

UNIVERSITY STUDY: Art Foundation (pre-degree), Photography, Film, Media and other art-related degrees.

SKILLS DEVELOPED

- Digital editing
- Hand-rendered photography techniques
- Photography darkroom processes
- Analytical writing skills
- Creative thinking
- Problem-solving
- Research skills

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our open studio policy encourages students to utilise all art facilities and expand their knowledge base and skills.

Students are invited to try out other art forms alongside those they are studying through our Art Club.

Students will also have the opportunity to visit galleries, and hear from our alumni as well as professionals in the industry as part of our bespoke careers events.

QUALIFICATION

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LEVEL 3

CURRENT EXAM BOARD

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CURIOS ABOUT... PHOTOGRAPHY?



Read 'Photo Icons' by Hans-Michel Koetzle and '50 Photographers You Should Know' by Peter Stepan



Watch - Photoshop Tutorial: Messy Pencil Sketch Effect

Additional Information: You will be required to pay a course fee of £25 for materials and resources used in the course. If there are any issues with being able to pay these costs, please contact Richard Taunton Sixth Form College. A breakdown of the course contributions can be found on the finance section of our website.

Disclaimer: Information in this course leaflet is for September 2021 entry and is accurate at time of printing. All information provided is subject to change and may be updated during the academic year. Courses offered by the College are subject to change and are reviewed on an annual basis.