

# Photography

AQA GCSE



Penwortham Girls'  
High School

**Introduction:** GCSE Photography is for creative students who enjoy taking photographs, using computers, annotating their ideas and creating artist research. The photography course is very similar to GCSE Art & Design and is assessed in the same format. Through your E-Portfolio Website, you will be required to research photographers, digitally and physically edit your work, annotate ideas as work progresses and be keen to complete creative tasks both in and out of the classroom. Click here for further information:

<https://gmmorris85penworthamgirls.weebly.com/about-gcse-photography.html>

## Description of the course: AQA GCSE Art & Design (Photography) 8206/C 8206/X

The course is divided into two components: Component 1 **Portfolio of Work** and Component 2 **Externally Set Assignment**. Although there is no written examination in this course you will be expected complete written work throughout both components. In the **Portfolio of Work** you will be expected to complete 2-3 projects on Abstraction, Portraiture and Urban Landscapes. The **Externally Set Assignment** is a series of 7 questions in which 1 is selected and explored over 3-4 months. This is then followed by a 10 hour practical assessment.

## How you will learn:

You will learn how to develop your photography skills by exploring a variety of different technical equipment, gaining experience of photographic techniques and recording your visual journey through your E-Portfolio Website. You will also develop your digital editing skills through the use of PIXLR and mobile apps. Visiting Galleries and attending afterschool workshops are also an important part of Photography education at GCSE level.

## Assessment:

GCSE Photography consists of a **Portfolio of Work 60%** and an **Externally Set Assignment 40%**. There is no written examination to the course. Both areas of the GCSE will provide opportunities for students to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Photographic skills and subsequent investigations. You will be provided with the External Set Assignment paper in January of Year 11 and select 1 of the 7 questions to analyse. Following a 3-4 month preparatory period, a 10 hour practical examination concludes the course in early May.

## Using this qualification:

Photography is a skill that is useful in a wide range of contexts and careers including i-media, web design, advertising and marketing. Progression routes for the course can be done through 'A' Level Photography or Btec National Diploma's in Photography. Potential career options beyond this could be Photojournalism, Fine Art Photography, Commercial Photography, Event Photography, Industrial Photography, Studio Photography, Portrait Photography and Freelance Photography.

**Subject Leader: Miss Morris**