

Photography

A-Level Photography is an exciting subject to study at SWCHS.

Photography is an artistic and technical subject that will develop your creativity and practical skills as a full A-Level course of study.

Photography is part of the very successful Art Department and we are committed to helping you to gain a more informed understanding and appreciation of the photographic art form. We will help you to develop your imaginative capacity, practical ability and technical knowledge. The course will also challenge your intellectual and analytical skills.

Photography provides an excellent foundation for students considering further education or a career in the Arts or Photography, developing valuable skills with a direct relationship to many aspects of everyday life. We have a Photography specialist on the department staff and an enthusiastic team keen to teach this exciting subject.



Course Content

Year 12

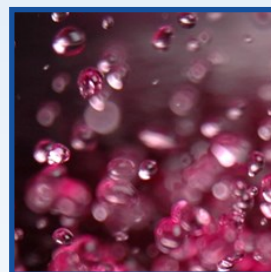
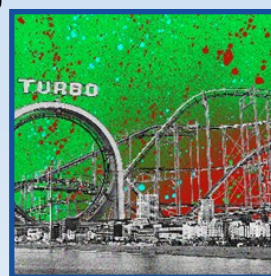
Component 1 60% – **Coursework Portfolio**
(Sept – Feb time frame)

Component 2 40% – **Internally-Set Exam Assignment**
(Feb onwards for coursework + 10 hour exam)

Year 13

Component 1 60% of A-Level: **Personal Investigation** of an Idea, Issue, Concept or Theme, including written assignment of 1,000-3,000 words. (Sept – Feb time frame)

Component 2 40% of A-Level: **A-Level Externally-Set Assignment**
(Feb onwards for coursework + 15 hour exam)
Exam Board— AQA



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need my own camera?

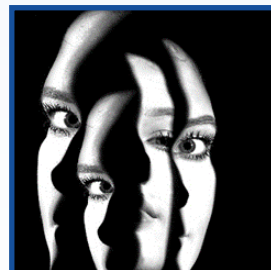
Yes, you will ideally need access to your own 35mm film SLR camera.

How much will it cost?

In order to run an expensive specialist course we will need to request a £175 annual studio fee to help with the cost of photographic consumables, such as chemistry, paper and inks. This can be annual or in instalments. Bursaries are available if needed.

Do I need to have been an art student?

You need a creative and true passion/interest for the subject, demonstrated through your letter of application and interview.



Photography

What will I take photographs of?

Themes such as Landscape, Portraiture, Still Life, Human Form and many more, both digital and analogue.

Can I use colour photography at SWCHS?

Yes, through digital media.

How many people will be on the course?

At present a maximum of 14 students per course.

Skills Developed:

Photographic skills – analogue and digital

35mm SLR film camera

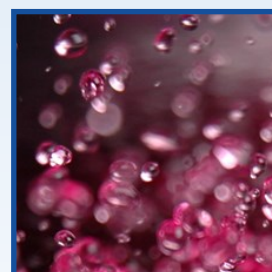
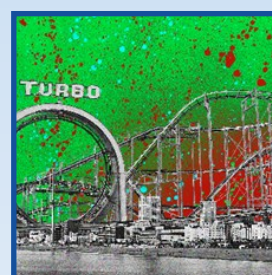
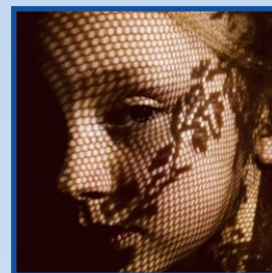
Traditional analogue darkroom practice and techniques

Lighting – control and manipulation

Creative/alternative darkroom and digital techniques

Digital image manipulation

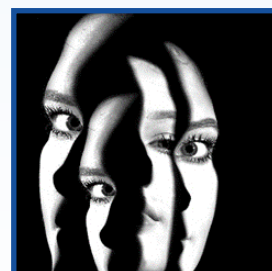
Creative design skills



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SWCHS Sixth Form

