

# Curriculum Summary Document

## Year 11 – Photography

Module/Unit of Learning	Taught During	What will students learn?	How does this prepare students for success at GCSE?	Links to other Subjects
Past Paper Project & Artist Research	Autumn Term 1	Students begin the year by responding to a past GCSE exam paper theme. They develop a mind-map, explore starting points, gather primary research and analyse the work of relevant photographers. Early photoshoots help them trial composition, lighting and editing approaches.	This mirrors the structure and expectations of the real GCSE exam project, strengthening all assessment objectives and building independence in developing ideas and producing purposeful responses.	Art English
Photoshoots, Experiments & Final Piece	Autumn Term 2	Students complete a sequence of photoshoots exploring their theme in depth. They test new viewpoints and editing techniques, refine experiments and deepen artist research before planning and creating their final piece.	This develops AO2 and AO4 by helping students refine ideas, justify decisions and present confident, well-controlled outcomes—key skills for strong GCSE performance.	Art Drama
Externally Set Assignment: Preparatory Work	Spring Term 1	Students receive the official GCSE exam paper and select a starting point. They build mind-maps, develop primary drawings, research photographers and complete initial photoshoots, refining ideas through annotation and experimentation.	Students learn to meet deadlines, refine ideas methodically and build a coherent preparatory portfolio, preparing them to succeed in the high-stakes final assessment.	Art English
ESA Photoshoots, Final Outcome & Exam Completion	Spring Term 2	Students complete all preparatory shoots, refine image selections and plan their sustained-focus exam. They produce their final outcome under timed conditions and evaluate their completed portfolio.	This prepares students directly for the GCSE exam by strengthening independence, decision-making and the ability to produce high-quality work across all assessment objectives.	Art English