



Course Start

Course Start is **independent learning** you need to complete as a fundamental part of your introduction to the course. It should take you approximately **5 hours** to complete.

Course Name	GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY
How this Course Start fits into the first term of the course	The theme of the first project in the GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY is ' ENVIRONMENT & LIGHT '- the photographs you create & research will make up the first piece of creative work that will go in your logbook.
How will my Course Start learning be used in lessons?	You will be using the photographs that you have taken to inspire new work in class and experimentation in the darkroom. The work you bring in will inform the direction of your Digital Logbook in Google Slides
Course Start learning objectives	• Learn new ways of creating imagery • Develop an understanding of composition by studying the work different photographers • Build the skills required to create an exemplary logbook • Learn how to use a Digital SLR camera • Produce traditional darkroom & digital imagery
Study Skills	• Research skills -following the guidelines on the brief exploring relevant photographers and techniques • Visual skills - Understanding the key aspects of a good photograph • Lighting & Composition - Use of light & shadow, angles and perspective. • Technical skills - building up the knowledge of using a Digital SLR successfully • Practical skills - learning how to work in the darkroom

Expectations for: Photography GCSE

Our specification is: [AQA GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY 8206](#)

What this course involves:
Completing Planned Study (independent learning) of 5 hours per week.
The 2 year course is 60% Coursework & 40% Exam
Learning how to effectively use only Digital SLR Cameras for digital images
Following briefs set- this includes researching, planning and taking photography shoots, experimenting, and creating a set of final images
Learning the technical and creative aspects of photography
Planning for Photoshoots on varying locations
Participating in planned trips to shooting locations
Visits to Photographic & Art Exhibitions
Learning to use 'Available Light' when shooting
Using new techniques; Studio, Digital Darkroom (Adobe Photoshop) Wet Processing & Printing, Digital Inkjet Printing and creating a Digital Logbook using Google Slides
Evaluating and reflecting upon own progress in Digital Logbook in Google Slides
Developing independent learning skills (e.g. time management, preparing for each week's lessons, completing Google Slides learning tasks outside lessons)
Using & developing your selection process to produce coherent 'exhibition standard' final imagery.

GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY: Course Start Tasks

Welcome to GCSE Photography, we look forward to seeing you in your first lesson.

Before then you have 3 tasks to complete

- 1 **Research** online and find out what a SUNPRINT is and how it is made.
Find 10 images and save them in a Google Slides page
- 2 **Write** 5 sentences about SUNPRINTS – explain what they are and how one is made. Save in a Google Slides page
- 3 **Select and bring in 10 small objects** - flowers / leaves / jewellery / feathers / small glass or plastic objects / interesting shapes / keys / toys



Remember to bring completed work and your 10 objects with you to your first photography lesson.