Photography

Subject:

Photography Intent:

The Photography department aims to provide our students with the skills and knowledge required to think creatively and take full control of their picture taking. We aim to ensure that our students can progress onto a higher level creative arts course or into the creative arts industry as a photographer's assistant. Photography students at Yateley School will be creative, enthusiastic, independent learners who don't shy away from a challenge and enjoy problem solving.

The Big Questions	
Year 12	Year 13
- What is aperture? What is depth-of-field? What is shutter speed? What is ISO? How do I use all of these to take great photographs?	- Personal investigation: What do you want to show your audience through the medium of photography?
- How do I make best use of different types of light to take great photographs?	- Externally set assignment: How will you use your photography skills to best interpret one of the project titles provided by the exam board as a developed photography project?
- How will <u>you</u> use the skills you have learned to interpret your ideas as photographs?	

What skills will I develop?

"The image itself – whether moving or still and whether transmitted by a variety of different media – seems to be, or to have become, the prevalent sign of late modern culture..." (Stuart Hall). Photography is a medium that continues to grow and develop, it is used in all facets of business and from scientific research to the film industry. In a world saturated with pictures you will learn how to take creative control of the images you produce:

- You will learn how to use a Digital SLR Camera in Manual mode
- You will learn how to make best use of the following types of lighting: Artificial light, flash light, studio lighting, sunlight and window light
- You will learn how to think creatively and interpret briefs in a creative way

What great resources can I use?

Adobe Photoshop CC (photo editing software – monthly subscription) OR

Affinity Photo (photo editing software – one time only payment)

How will I be assessed?

At Key Stage 5 work is assessed half termly in the form of written feedback and predicted grades. Final assessment of coursework takes place at the end of May (following a 15 hour period of exam controlled, independent, work); this assessment takes place internally by the subject teacher, it is then externally moderated by an examiner from the exam board. The course is 100% examined on coursework, there is no written exam for this subject.

Teacher feedback is given both verbally and in written format so that students can improve their work before moving on to the next stage of their project work.

Three ways that parents/carers can help...

- 1. Encourage your son or daughter to visit art and/or photography exhibitions: https://london-photography-diary.com/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/
- 2. Help pay travel costs or take your son or daughter places where they can take photographs for their project work when necessary (please don't 'hurry' them while they are taking pictures).
- 3. Help pay for consumables, such as props and batteries, or assist with shoots when necessary.