

# Photography A Level

## What will happen in my first week?

You will be introduced to the studio space and the equipment available to use and gain confidence in using the different modes and functions of your digital camera within a mini project. You will also begin to develop your practical understanding of the formal elements that are the foundation to successful photography.



## What can I look forward to in my first year?

In the first year, you will explore camera techniques, the functions of the camera and composition fundamentals. You will be exposed to a series of workshops and short projects exploring a variety of topics, photographers and photographic movements and you will consider the impact images have had on our understanding of the world and its people before embarking on to your own creative project.

## Do I need to buy any equipment or kit

You will also be required to buy either a presentation portfolio or sketchbook for presenting your work. It is helpful to have your own SD card for use in the cameras but not compulsory. Cameras and equipment can be loaned but many students end up buying their own, if not already owned.

## What facilities are there?

We have a dedicated Photography classroom with use of industry standard software (Adobe CC) and a bookable studio space with backdrops and lighting.

## Which modules will I study in my first term?

The first term consists of short workshops and projects designed to increase your awareness of photography and refine techniques to the level required.

## Are there any books I need to buy or useful websites I should look at?

- Familiarise yourself with the websites: [www.magnumphotos.com](http://www.magnumphotos.com), [www.photography-now.com](http://www.photography-now.com) and <http://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/>
- Buy/read the book: **Photography: A Critical Introduction** by Liz Wells.

