

# Photography

## A-Level



### What will I learn?

Through A-level Photography, you will develop and stimulate your creativity through a broad and exciting course. Students explore a range of different media, processes or techniques under the disciplines of lens based media, ensuring that there is something suitable for all interests. You will develop your ability to appreciate the visual world and to respond in a creative and personal way, expanding your imaginative and creative powers, your experimental, analytical and documenting skills. You will also develop a specialist vocabulary, knowledge and an understanding of the place of photography in history and in contemporary society.

### How will I learn?

You will learn through a mixture of practical workshops and thematic projects. The start of the course will focus on developing skills and introducing new techniques. Later, learning will become more personalised to suit the investigation topics that you have chosen.

### How will I be assessed?

You will produce a personal investigation portfolio of work that will account for 60% of the A level mark. In February of Year 13 you will produce a second portfolio of work in response to a question set by the exam board. This makes up the further 40% of the Art and Design A level award.

### Trips and Extracurricular activities.

Opportunities such as museum visits and a residential art trip to St Ives might be offered during the course. Students will also be encouraged to engage in a range of local workshops and competitions.

### FAQs.

#### Do I need to have studied photography before?

It is not a requirement that you should have studied Photography before. However completing Media, or Art at GCSE would be helpful. It is more important that you have an inquiring mind and you enjoy taking photos in your own time. If you have not studied a creative subject at KS4, you may be asked to provide a small portfolio of photos before you are accepted onto the course.

#### Do I need to be good at Maths?

It is not a requirement of the course that you need to have specific maths skills.

#### What subjects complement photography?

Many students taking Photography also study subjects such as Art, Film Studies, Performing Arts, Product Design as well as Sociology and Psychology.

#### What have Rednock students done with photography?

There are many careers in Photography. Most of these require further study at a Further Education College or University. There are employment routes where photography is a discrete or related skill. It is an excellent skill with which to start a personal business or work for all sorts of employers.

### Exam Board

AQA

### Subject Specific Entry Requirements

Art grade 4 or  
iMedia L2 Pass

### Skills Gained

Communication  
Creativity  
Technical skills Mastering  
focus Understanding  
Light  
problem-solving  
contextual interpretation  
visual communication  
presentation

### Careers

Photojournalist Photo  
Editor Advertising art  
director  
Film/video editor  
Graphic designer  
Magazine features editor  
Medical illustrator  
Photographer  
Press photographer  
Television camera  
operator