

GCSE Photography Curriculum Statement

Intent

Our aim is to inspire our pupils to see and engage with the world around them through the eye of a lens.
To explore the world around them and their place in it
To think, act and speak like a photographer through purposeful investigations
Investigating different processes and explaining their creative journey as it unfolds.
To be confident to work independently
To be able to confidently use a camera on manual settings
To be able to set up studio lighting
To be able to review own and others work
To promote a classroom where students feel comfortable to take risks and support one another
Being mindful and mannerly to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all students in a studio environment

Implementation

Southampton gallery workshop
Excellent equipment
Clear projects with tracking sheets
Templates for reviewing own and others work
Feedback is immediate and every lesson
Students carefully monitored at start and end of every lesson
Mock exam at the end of year 10
Parents information evening at start of year 10 and beginning of year 11 exam with guidance on supporting their child at home
Students taught to think, respond and create like a professional artist
Students are encouraged to express their thoughts, feelings about and responses to the world around them as their work progresses
Key words and student handbook
Exam board criteria embedded into every lesson

Impact

Students are able to work unsupervised in the studio or editing room
Students can write an intention and review it
Students are confident writing about their own and others work and use the correct terminology
Students understand and can explain why they are doing something
Students have good understanding of the exam grade criteria
Student's portfolios are coherent and clearly document their creative journey
Photography is a popular option choice at GCSE and now runs 2 groups per year group
Students are able to achieve a GCSE in Photography
Feedback from AQA exam board is positive
Students are able to use manual camera settings