

The Creative Arts Department at Wexham School
Photography Curriculum Map



Term	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn 1	Getting to know a DSLR Explore the functions of a DSLR camera through guided tasks which cover: - Camera settings - Aperture - ISO. - Shutter speed - Focusing - Depth of field - Composition techniques	Component 1 – PPE project This is the third project for component 1. Students will be given a choice of five starting points and develop a body of work in response to their chosen theme. They must cover all four assessment objectives through research, idea development and realisation of intentions (final piece). Students have the choice of completing a digital portfolio (PowerPoint) or physical portfolio (sketchbook)
Autumn 2	Photoshop and editing techniques - Learn the functions and tools of Photoshop to edit photographs - Explore image manipulation through collage, paper cutting and ripping (physical manipulation) - Studio lighting and types of lighting - How to present a sketchbook and annotate work	
Spring 1	Component 1 – Colour project Students explore the theme of colour and develop a project through researching artists, planning and conducting photoshoots and editing images. They must cover all four assessment objectives through research, idea development and realisation of intentions (final piece) AO1: Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. AO2: Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting, and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques, and processes. AO3: Record ideas, observations, and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses. AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language	Component 2 – controlled assessment (exam) In January, students will be given their exam paper with a selection of starting points. They will select one topic to explore, which evidences all four assessment objectives. This unit is worth 40% of the GCSE grade. Students must complete 10 hours of unaided, supervised time (exam)
Spring 2		
Summer 1		
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