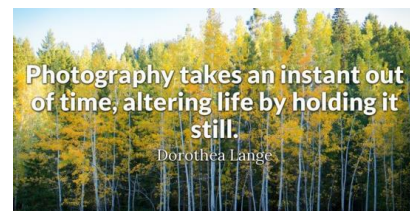




## ART & DESIGN PHOTOGRAPHY A LEVEL (AQA)



A-Level photography will be exciting, imaginative, stimulating, challenging and enjoyable! Photography is everywhere we look in today's world; it is used commercially within the advertising and fashion worlds, it is used in science and medical areas, it is used to record and document everything from wars to social conditions to celebrity events. Photography plays a major role in numerous industries today, so your creativity is not just a way to satisfy your artistic soul, it can open the door to exciting career opportunities as well.

### What will you learn?

You will experiment with and investigate a whole range of media, techniques and processes from compact film cameras to digital SLR cameras, from dark room work to Photoshop manipulation of images to mixed media. The emphasis will be learning by doing and you will be expected to create imaginative, personal work. You will be given the opportunity to develop your own personal responses to ideas, objects, experiences, environments and cultures in practical, critical and contextual forms. You will gain experience of evaluating and responding to other photographers' work whilst using your own creativity and independent thought to express yourself visually. You will be encouraged to take risks, experiment and of reflect on your own work and process.

### How will you learn?

#### AS: First year only

- Whether completing an AS or A Level you will start by completing a portfolio of coursework. This will be worth 50% of an AS Level (Component 1).
- If you decide to take the AS and not the full A Level you will complete an externally set assignment (Component 2) worth the other 50% of your AS-Level.

Note: The AS is a one year course of study only.

#### A Level

The A-Level starts after completing the first portfolio of coursework in the first year and continues into a second year:

- Component 1 – Personal Investigation. You will complete a portfolio of work based on a subject that interests you. This is worth 50% of your full A-Level
- Component 2 - Completion of an externally set assignment worth 50% of your full A-Level

Where will it take you? Many students go on to take higher education in Art & Design, through Foundation Courses at Arts Universities that lead on to full 3 year degree courses. You may then decide to join the world of advertising as illustrators, designers, typographers, or become painters, sculptors, textile designers, fashion designers, and photographers along with many more options. Who should you talk to? Please speak to Miss Lamonde or email [lynne.lamonde@thebourneacademy.com](mailto:lynne.lamonde@thebourneacademy.com)

### **Where will it take you?**

Many students go on to take higher education in photography, such as a photography degree. You may then decide to join the world of photography by becoming a fashion photographer, food and home photographer, natural environment photographer, advertising photographer, social documentary photographer, a photojournalist for newspapers or a war photographer and travel around the world - the list is endless. You can also use your photography experience to enter a wealth of careers in the creative industry – one of the fastest growing industries in the world!

### **Who should you talk to?**

If you have any questions or queries at all please come and speak to Miss Lamonde or email [lynne.lamonde@thebourneacademy.com](mailto:lynne.lamonde@thebourneacademy.com)

### **What will you need to study this course?**

You will need to have five or more A\*- C grades at GCSE. You will also need a genuine interest and excitement for the subject and a willingness to commit significant independent time and effort in to producing your portfolio or work.