



Photography

We are proud to be running A Level Photography at OSA.

An A Level in Art and Photography is designed for developing your style and talent while learning a range of fine art and photographic techniques and approaches.

What will I study?

You will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to Photography and a wider discourse of Art and Design, from the past and from recent times. Your responses to these examples must be shown through practical and critical activities, which demonstrate your wider understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

How will I study?

Through research and study to develop an understanding of theory. Through the practical application of that theory in a range of different styles, experimenting and perfecting practical work. Through written analysis of the work of other photographers and your own work.



How will I be assessed?

Through a portfolio of practical work that includes journals, sketchbooks and written analyses, and through an externally set final exam in Year 13, in controlled conditions (15 hours). 12% of your final mark will be a written assessment (Personal Study) within your coursework portfolio.

You will need to demonstrate awareness of the four Assessment Objectives in the context of each themed project. Candidates should use sketchbooks (digital or physical)/workbooks/journals to underpin their work where appropriate. Candidates may use traditional methods and / or digital techniques to reproduce outcomes.

What can I do afterwards?

You can continue to study Photography at degree level in many universities. It will also equip you for many of the areas of business and advertising that look for artistic and photographic skills as well as marketing and publishing. For those who love photography, the course will enable you to create portfolios of work that you can take forward to becoming a photographer - sending your work through to publications, working freelance or working for a photography company.



Extra curricular opportunities

In addition to the academic opportunities students can get involved in a wide range of extra curricular and enrichment opportunities, including trips to galleries in Oxford and London to broaden students' experiences and ideas.

Oxford Spires Academy Art department has amazing facilities for Photography students. In addition to full access to the art department, photography equipment includes Canon DSLR Cameras, a variety of lenses, (including macro, wide angle and zoom), Macs with the Adobe Cloud for digital editing, and a full range LED and Soft box lighting.



“Photography has allowed me to be more creative and expressive in my studies as well as interpreting new perspectives on things around me.”

