

Why study Photography?

A Level Photography is a rigorous and thorough taught course. Students learn the “language” of photography, how to “read” and analyse photographs, including the techniques, processes and skills.

Ysgol John Bright offer a structured course, which enables students to creatively respond to the work of relevant inspirational artists. Passion, commitment, imagination, visual, written and verbal communication skills are essential to succeed in A Level Photography.

What will this involve?

This popular A level is a practical course that allows you to be as creative as you want to be. You will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of photographic media, techniques and processes (including traditional and digital techniques to produce images).

You will be required to work independently out of lesson time, using your non-contact time as it is an extensive course requiring dedication.

Explorations of relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to photography and a wider range of art and design, from both the past and recent times, is integral to the investigating and making process. You will respond to these examples through practical and critical activities that demonstrate your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

During the first three months you will explore a broad range of basic photographic skills including use of camera, a studio set-up and use of dark room photo manipulation techniques. You will then have the opportunity to apply these taught techniques in more depth in response to an internally set assignment.

The focus of the AS course is highly experimental; students are expected to develop a broad range of techniques that will be further refined on the A2 course. The focus at A2 is slightly less experimental than AS, students will begin to discover their own personal language. There is a stronger focus on refinement and resolution.

Where do I go from here?

Since completing the course, students have successfully gone on to study:

Interior Design | Fashion | Fashion Photography | Journalism Photography
Media and Journalism | Media Production | Sports Media