



A Level in Art and Design - Photography

Location	Cheadle College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	CFQ-CL3L-1107

Course Overview

Are you creative and imaginative? Do you enjoy exploring ideas and looking at things in different ways? If so, you should consider a course in photography. Photography is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating ideas. It inspires creative thinkers.

Photography means 'drawing with light' and that is what photographers do when they take a picture. Many photographers have explored various techniques to create images that make a personal statement about things that have interested or concerned them. The most exciting aspect of photography is that you are capturing the world as you see it.

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

Standard A Level entry requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 5's or above (must include Maths and English Language). However, certain subjects may have additional entry criteria, which can be found below:

Additional Entry Requirements:

A Level Art will require grade 5 in GCSE Art or a portfolio.

What You Will Learn

Throughout the course students will experience & learn about the many different genres relating to photography: Portraiture, Landscape photography, Still-life photography, Documentary photography, Photojournalism, Fashion photography, Experimental imagery, Multimedia, Photographic installation, Moving image (video, film and animation)

Assessment

Assessment: 60% is coursework and 40% is a controlled assessment.

Progression

Successful students may progress onto university or enter directly into employment.

Career Options

Commercial / fashion photographer, Filmmaker, Fine art photographer, Forensic photographer, Industrial photographer, Medical photographer, Nature photographer, Photographic illustrator, Photographic technician, Teacher, Photojournalist, Picture editor, Researcher, Social photographer, Sports photographer

Mandatory Units

Units will include a range of Art & Design mediums, including: Portraiture, Landscape photography, Still-life photography, Documentary photography, Photojournalism, Fashion photography, Experimental imagery, Multimedia, Photographic installation, Moving image (video, film and animation)

Contact Details

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