



# ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY

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## GCSE Photography

### Aims

- To provide a variety of experiences exploring a range of lens-based and light-based media, techniques and processes, including both traditional and new technologies.
- To support and nurture the development of students' self-confidence, use of initiative and creativity, and ability to self-review.

### The Course

GCSE Photography provides students with a wide range of creative, exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore their interests in ways that are both personally relevant and developmental in nature.

This two unit specification enables students to develop their ability to actively engage in the processes of Photography – to build practical and creative skills through learning and doing, to develop imaginative and intuitive ways of working and develop knowledge and understanding of media, materials and technologies in historical and contemporary contexts, societies and cultures.

Assessment is as follows:

Unit 1: Portfolio of Coursework 60%

Unit 2: Externally Set Task 40%

### Assessment

Performance will be assessed in response to the following criteria:

**Assessment objective 1** – Develop ideas through investigations of photographer research

**Assessment objective 2** – Refine ideas through experimenting

**Assessment objective 3** – Record observations and intentions

**Assessment objective 4** – Personal, informed and meaningful response

### Choose this course if..

You are creative and enjoy learning new practical skills. You wish to learn how to use a DSLR camera and Photoshop, as well as practical manipulation skills. Choose this course if you would like to develop confidence in Photography and are prepared to persevere and be dedicated. This course is ideal if you wish to explore a particular passion or interest in photography or you simply wish to explore new themes in exciting ways using a new method of recording.

### Post 16 Opportunities and Careers

AQA A Level GCE Art & Design courses are offered in both ART AND DESIGN and PHOTOGRAPHY in the Sixth Form at Erasmus Darwin Academy. This GCSE course offers the skills needed to begin a career in Photography, TV, Film or Design. It could also lead to careers such as an art director, interior designer, illustrator, character designer, web designer, set design artist, gallery owner, curator, animator, costume designer for film/tv, publishing, packaging design and many more. This course could lead to a 2 year post 16 BTEC course in Photography, Game Design, Graphic Design, Animation, Film & TV Production. Apprenticeships are also available and careers in the armed forces.

### Exam Board Information

We teach GCSE Photography through AQA and under the umbrella of Art and Design allowing us to teach a broad range of skills across the course. <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201-8206> (Photography 8206)

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