Photography

CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL
ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

Course: A Level Photography

Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade 5 in an art of design-based subject (Photography, Art & Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, etc.). Grade 4 or above in GCSE English. Students who have not studied Photography at GCSE may be asked to provide a portfolio of independent creative work to demonstrate their interest and skills.

Aims of the Course:

A-Level Photography offers an exciting opportunity for students to explore the world through a lens — developing technical skill, creative confidence, and a personal artistic voice. It is a dynamic and hands-on course that blends practical image-making with creative exploration and critical thinking.

In an image-driven world, the ability to create, interpret and communicate visually has never been more valuable. This course is perfect for students who love creativity, design, storytelling, and technology — whether they aspire to a career in the creative industries or simply want to develop a unique artistic perspective.

Course Content:

Unit 1 – 60% Students develop an in-depth practical project and written study on a theme of their choice, exploring artists and photographers who inspire them. This component encourages independence, creativity, and self-expression.

Unit 2 – 40% In the second year, students respond to an externally set theme from AQA, developing a body of preparatory work leading to a final piece produced in a timed session.

Career Opportunities:
Photography students gain, creative thinking and problem-solving skills

- Technical camera and digital editing expertise
- Independent project management and research skills
- The ability to analyse, critique, and communicate visually

These transferable skills are highly valued in fields such as **graphic design, film, marketing, journalism, fine art, media, architecture**, and beyond.

Many students go on to study **Photography**, **Media**, **Art & Design**, or **Creative Media Production** at university. Others use the course as a foundation for careers in the wider creative and communication industries.

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