



## Art and Design – Photography

**One year AS/Two year A level.**

Photography is now a leading form of expression and is the choice of an increasing number of artists. The course will introduce you to digital photography techniques and you will develop a creative, experimental approach to using this exciting medium.

### **Requirements:**

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. If you have taken Art and Design or Photography at GCSE then a grade B is the minimum requirement. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. Students who have not studied either may be allowed to take this course if they produce a digital portfolio that demonstrates a good understanding of formal elements and an ability to experiment. During the enrolment period students will be required to meet with a course tutor for portfolio approval.

### **This subject will focus on:**

- technical aspects including use of the camera, studio and lighting;
- creative experimentation using a range of methods. These will include digital manipulation as well as the use of some art materials; and
- the work of selected artists/photographers.

### **You can expect to:**

- develop a good understanding of a wide range of photographic techniques and how to use these to express ideas creatively;
- analyse and respond to the work of artists in your own practical work and reflect critically on your own work; and
- take part in visits to galleries/exhibitions to research and take photographs for projects.

### **Method of assessment:**

Assessment is by coursework and examination.

### **Progression:**

This course can lead to further study in Photography or Art and Design. After A Levels, Havering Sixth Form College offers an Art and Design Foundation Diploma which is designed for students who have completed an Art and Design A Level subject and will facilitate progression to appropriate Higher Education courses. Photography A Level is also useful for those wanting to study Media, Film or T.V. or for those wanting to pursue a professional photography course.

### **Other information:**

Students will be expected to buy their own DSLR camera, tripod and portable hard drive.

### **Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:**

A student commented: "I enjoyed the GCSE course so much last year that I decided to take the A Level course. It is my favourite course and I hope to pursue Photography as a career."

In 2009 the Photography A Level course achieved a 100% pass rate.