



## GCSE Photography

**One year course.**

Students will combine this course with up to five other GCSEs

Photography is about developing the ability to see things in a new and interesting way and translating visual ideas into successful outcomes, through a combination of skill and imagination.

### **Requirements:**

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. Previous experience in photography is not required, although an art subject at GCSE would be beneficial.

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

- practical photography work;
- researching a range of different photographers; and
- presenting work to a high standard, including an end of year exhibition.

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

- have a thorough induction at the start of the course;
- learn to use an SLR camera;
- visit different locations within Essex and London;
- take both black and white and colour films;
- develop black and white films;
- print photographs in the darkroom;
- experiment with a range of different creative techniques, such as solarization, contacts and toning;
- study the work of photographers;
- annotate and evaluate; and
- present work ready for exhibition.

### **Method of assessment:**

Assessment is by coursework and practical examination.

### **Progression:**

You may be able to progress on to AS Level courses or BTEC Extended Diploma and National Diploma courses.

### **Other Information:**

A basic range of media and materials will be provided. Students will need to purchase a range of other art materials in order to do further work outside of the lesson. They will be advised of the requirements on entry to the course. Trips and visits to London and abroad are arranged as part of the course.

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

James Clarke (ex Bower Park School) achieved an A grade at GCSE photography and is now studying on the Advanced level course. He said: "It's a really interesting course, hard work but very enjoyable. Doing this course really built up my confidence and also it has helped me to develop a range of creative skills in preparation for the A Level course."

In 2008 the GCSE Photography course achieved a 100% pass rate.