

Assessment in GCSE and A-Level Art & Photography, Summer 2021

To compensate for the disruption caused by the lockdowns, the QCA (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority) have adapted assessment in Art & Photography by simplifying the courses. In normal circumstances students would submit two main units of work; the **Coursework Portfolio** and their response to the **Externally Set Task**. This year, the Externally Set Task has been abandoned and 100% of assessment will be based on Coursework.

What is the Coursework Portfolio?

The Coursework Portfolio is a selected body of work that has been made during the course. It can consist of any of the student's best work and must include at least one sustained project. At A Level this must also include the **Personal Study**, which is a one to three-thousand-word essay or presentation. The coursework Portfolio may be made up of any or all of the projects developed during the course, although in most cases the weight of assessment will be on the sustained, personal project.

What work is Assessed?

A Level Art: Coursework Portfolio – sketchbooks and other art works made during the course, plus the Personal Investigation (essay). Plus evidence of secondary supporting project work.

A Level Photography: The Main Coursework Project PowerPoint, plus the Personal Study which is incorporated in the PowerPoint. Plus any photographic prints produced.

GCSE Art & Design: Main coursework Project, sketchbooks and supporting pieces including Coursework Final Piece. Plus evidence of secondary projects (Natural Forms Project, Graphics Project)

GCSE Photography: The Main Coursework Project PowerPoint plus evidence of supporting projects (Alphabet Project, Documentary Project, Photomontage Project)

Who will Assess the Work?

The Coursework Portfolios for both Art and Photography will be assessed and moderated by all of the staff of the Art department. A sample of student work will then be assessed by an external moderator, who will ratify or adjust our assessment. This follows the normal procedure.

The staff of the Art Department are experienced at assessment and moderation and we have a track record of accurate grading. Mr Pedler is a trained and experienced external moderator. We have every reason to be confident that our assessment will be accurate. The External Moderator will have the final say.

Feedback and Deadlines:

Students have been provided with detailed teacher assessments and guidance since returning from lockdown and will be encouraged and supported to work hard their Coursework Portfolios up to the deadline. The Deadlines are 15th of May for GCSE and 28th May for A Level.