



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”

“Create a culture of aspiration”



## Photography

### Basic Equipment

Students don't need to buy a DSLR camera as the school has 8 which can also be loaned out at weekends to complete project work and photoshoots. GCSE students can purchase a portfolio from the Art department for £1.50 and A3 black sketchbooks for £6, but work can be completed on power points and e-folio's. Extra sessions are also available to use the equipment in school during club time and during the holidays.

### Assessment

GCSE students are assessed using the OCR Photography Assessment Objectives.

### Projects

#### **Skills development**

Students will learn how to creatively use DSLR cameras, studio lighting equipment and Adobe Photoshop. They will also explore composition, depth of field, shutter speed and viewpoint through studying the work of other photographers and taking their own images.

#### **Mini Project**

Undertaken after the skills development work; pupils will develop research and analysis skills by looking at the work of different photographers. They will then develop their ideas to take their own photos on a trip to the local graveyard. Pupils will learn how to select from these images and explore and experiment with their photos using Photoshop techniques.

#### **Coursework Project (60%)**

The main coursework project is a personal investigation into the theme of their choice. Students produce work that is influenced by photographers / photography movements or cultures. They research and analyse the work of their chosen photographers and then continually develop skills with cameras, lighting and Photoshop as well post production manipulation techniques.

#### **Unit 2 Externally Set Task - (40%)**

This is an externally set assignment including an exam lasting 10 hours. They will have from the start of January to research one of around 10 topics before the ten hour exam based on their research.

#### **Shows**

At the end of June a final 'End of Year' show exhibits the students' exam and coursework portfolios.

#### **Trips**

Students are actively encouraged to visit Local and National galleries to look at original artworks. Artist research and analysis are both extremely important components of the GCSE. We also take a visit to the local cemetery to develop their practical photography skills.