

Why do we teach Art & Photography?

Our Art & Photography curriculum at Forest Hill, offers the opportunity for our students, including those less confident in purely academic subjects, or with language barriers, the chance to express themselves. We want all students to produce creative work, exploring ideas and enabling challenging conversations around themes that give personal expression, cultural understanding and promote imaginative risk taking to provide solutions to our material, emotional, social and virtual world.

How do we teach Art & Photography? (Key concepts and skills)

In Art & Photography we teach students to:

- Research, critically analyse and respond to contemporary and historical artists and photographers
- Observe and record in a range of mediums
- Refine ideas through experimentation of appropriate mediums, materials, techniques and processes
- O Visually communicate and present their own ideas
- Analyse and Evaluate their work and the work of others

What do we teach in Art & Photography?

The curriculum is built on the understanding and application of the formal elements, through this we explore the following:

- Natural forms
- Architecture and 3D Design
- Portraiture
- The human form
- Printmaking
- Colour Theory

How is Art & Photography personalised for our learners?

We ensure that each student is given the opportunity to develop their own ideas and way of visually communicating within and around the school community, nurturing and encouraging those students who enjoy being creative though our CLICK, MAKE, DRAW clubs and promoting competitions and opportunities as they arise.

We explore the work of local artists, those with disabilities and address issues around contextual safe guarding through discussions around homosexuality and mental health

We discuss emotion and how this can be conveyed through the formal elements.









| Year 7 | Topic 1 | Topic 2 | Topic 3 | Topic 4 |
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| Key content | Skills Natural Forms The Formal Elements | Skills Natural Forms Colour Theory | Architecture Gaudi & Natural Forms | Architecture Calatrava and Gehry |
| Key concepts & skills | The Formal Elements: Shape Line Tone Form Texture Mark Making Recording from observation | Colour Theory: The Colour Wheel Primary & secondary colours Colour mixing Painting skills Tertiary colours Complementary colours | What inspired the architect Gaudi? Analysing Gaudi's work Research skills Developing an idea inspired by Gaudi The formal elements Colour Theory | Researching and exploring the work of Calatrava and Gehry Paper Sculptures Developing own architectural design ideas |
| Summative Assessment | Baseline assessment, Recording - Pinecone drawing | Baseline assessment, The Formal Elements Colour Theory, Recording – secondary observation End of term assessment | Baseline assessment, The Formal Elements, Colour Theory, Recording – observation | Baseline assessment, The Formal Elements, Colour Theory, Recording – secondary observation End of term assessment |
| Builds on | KS2 art | The Formal Elements Colour Theory | Natural forms Colour Theory | Architecture and natural forms |
| Builds towards | Colour Theory Skills | Developing a critical understanding of an artist | Understanding architectural forms | Understanding Form |











| Year 8 | Topic 1 | Topic 2 | Topic 3 | Topic 4 |
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| Key content | Portraiture: Self Portraits | Portraiture: Self Portraits | Portraiture: Distorted Self portraits PICASSO | Portraiture: Distorted Self portraits BACON |
| Key concepts & skills | Facial proportions How to draw the nose, eyes, mouth and ears | ➤ The grid technique | Developing a personal response to Picassos Weeping woman Collage Watercolour Colour theory Formal elements Descriptive writing | Developing a personal response to Francis Bacons' self portrait Oil pastel Colour theory Formal elements Descriptive writing |
| Summative Assessment | Baseline assessment, The Formal Elements Recording – Self-portrait /30 | Baseline assessment, The Formal Elements Skill Recording – Self-portrait /30 End of term assessment | Baseline assessment, The Formal Elements Skill Recording – observation /30 | Baseline assessment, The Formal Elements Skill Recording – observation /30 End of term assessment |
| Builds on | The formal elements Observational drawing | Understanding and application of the formal elements Proportion Drawing from observation | Colour Theory The formal elements | Colour Theory Understanding of how the formal elements can be used to show emotion in an artwork |
| Builds towards | The grid technique The Formal Elements Presentation | Understanding of the formal elements in a portrait | Colour Theory Developing critical understanding of sources Analysing and descriptive writing about an image | Understanding of proportion and composition |







| Year 9 | Topic 1 | Topic 2 | Topic 3 | Topic 4 |
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| Key content | Refuge: Belongings and Objects | Refuge: Belongings and Objects | Refuge: Body proportion and posture | Refuge: Developing ideas |
| Key concepts & skills | Artist: Michael Craig- Martin Composition Printmaking: Monoprinting Linoprinting | Printmaking:LinoprintingReduction print | Artist: Antony Gormley Collograph printing Body proportions | Developing own ideas in response to the theme REFUGE |
| Summative Assessment | Formal elements/ Recording Baseline | | | End of term assessment |
| Builds on | Formal elements and understanding of colour and composition | Composition and colour | Knowledge of printmaking Understanding of proportion | Artists' research Understanding of composition Exploration of the theme: REFUGE |
| Builds towards | Developing own ideas in response to a theme, understanding of composition Developing own ideas in response to a theme | | Understanding how to develop own ideas | |







| YEAR 10 GCSE | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Key content | My London | My London | My London | My London | Pollution What is pollution? What types of pollution are there? | Pollution What/Who are the world's biggest pollutants/polluters? |
| Key concepts & skills | Recording ideas and observations Drawing Collage Collagraphy Monoprinting Research and responding to Stephen Wiltshire | Recording ideas and observations Collage Research and responding to Yoni Alter | Recording ideas and urban observations Research and responding to artists: Brendan Neil and, Eleanor Crow Simon Ling, Mark Boyle Recording exercises | Developing ideas for a final outcome Refining ideas Testing medium/composition Evaluating final outcome | Research: Exploring the theme Pollution Recording: Tonal drawing, the grid technique, scale, acrylic painting Presentation Annotating and evaluating studies | Recording: Watercolour, Monoprinting Artist Research: Claes Oldenburg Development of own ideas based on research: Planning and testing Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation |
| Summative Assessment | Sketchbook submission | Recording assessment | Sketchbook submission | AO4 – Final outcome 10 hour out of sketchbook final piece | Recording assessment | AO4 - final outcome. 10 hour sketchbook piece |
| Builds on | The formal elements, Printmaking | Experimentation using the appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes Developing critical understanding of sources | Experimentation using the appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes Developing critical understanding of sources | Developing an idea for a final piece | Research and recording skills | Developing an idea in response to a theme |
| Builds towards | Developing an understanding of sources Experimentation using the appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes Presentation | Recording skills Understanding of sources | Developing ideas to show a personal representation of 'My London' | Developing ideas in response to a theme | Developing ideas around pollution | Further development of ideas around pollution, Clay outcome |





| Year 11 GCSE | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 |
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| Key content | Pollution What effect does pollution have on us as humans? | Pollution How to develop own ideas/ Present a final outcome | ESA Research and response (AO1/3) | ESA Developing ideas | ESA Presenting |
| Key concepts & skills | Research: Exploring the effect pollution has on us as humans Artist Research: Kate MacDowell Recording: 2D/3D. Chalk and charcoal, Tonal drawings, Clay, Sculpture Developing own ideas in response to the artist. | Developing own ideas for a final outcome Planning and testing using medium of choice Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation | Independent exploration of a theme Recording ideas Annotation of ideas Independent artist research and presentation | Developing own ideas in response to artist research and other critical investigations Exploration of mediums | Further developing ideas for a final outcome Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation |
| Summative Assessment | Sketchbook submission | AO4 - final outcome. 10 hour out of sketchbook piece in clay | Sketchbook submission | Sketchbook submission | AO4 - final outcome. 10 hour out of sketchbook piece |
| Builds on | Research and recording skills, developing ideas in response to an artist. Presentation | Developing a final idea in response to a theme | presentation of artist research pages Recording and understanding of the formal elements | Independent research | Development of own ideas |











| YEAR 10 GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Key content | Key skills: What are the basic principles of Photography? | Key skills: What are the basic principles of Photography? | Selfie project How can manipulating an image can change its meaning? | Selfie Project How can I develop my own distorted portrait? | Selfie (Development project) | Selfie (Development project) |
| Key concepts & skills | ➤ Understanding the camera ➤ The Formal Elements ➤ Exposure ➤ Aperture ➤ Shutter Speed ➤ Light drawing ➤ Annotating a contact sheet ➤ Analysing and evaluating photographs ➤ Presentation and layout | ▶ Depth of Field ▶ ISO ▶ Composition ▶ Annotating a contact sheet ▶ Analysing and evaluating photographs ▶ Presentation and layout | ➤ Artist research and response: Hockney, Faucheur, Anzeri ➤ Distortion and manual manipulation of images: Cutting, stitching, scale and composition ➤ Written analysis/reflection of personal responses ➤ Presentation and layout | Artist research and response: Hale - Collage Development of ideas Planning and testing Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation | ➤ Responding to a personal theme ➤ Writing a statement of intent ➤ Research through own investigations related to theme ➤ Developing critical understanding of sources ➤ Recording ideas, insights relevant to theme/ intention | Development of ideas Refinement of work Experimenting and selecting the appropriate mediums, techniques and processes Planning and testing Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation |
| Summative Assessment | Sketchbook submission | Key skills End of Term assessment | Sketchbook submission | AO4 - final outcome. 10 hour out of sketchbook piece | Sketchbook submission | AO4 - final outcome. 10 hour out of sketchbook piece |
| Builds on | KS3 Art | Understanding of exposure, aperture & shutter speed | Annotating and evaluating photographs/ Presentation and layout | Research and response of artists' work | Research and recording. Development of an idea/theme. Communicating and developing ideas around themselves | Understanding how to develop an idea for a final outcome |
| Builds towards | Understanding of Depth of field | Manipulation of images | Understanding how manipulating an image can change its meaning | Understanding how to develop an idea for a final outcome | Developing and idea for a final outcome relevant to the intention | Understanding of how to explore and develop ideas around a theme |





| YEAR 11 GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 |
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| Key content | MOCK ESA | MOCK ESA | ESA Researching and responding to a theme | ESA Developing and refining ideas | ESA Testing final ideas/ Presenting a final outcome |
| Key concepts & skills | Responding to a personal theme Writing a statement of intent Research through own investigations related to theme Developing critical understanding of sources Recording ideas, insights relevant to theme/intention | Development of ideas Refinement of work Experimenting and selecting the appropriate mediums, techniques and processes Planning and testing Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation | Responding to a exam theme Writing a statement of intent Research through own investigations related to theme Developing critical understanding of sources Recording ideas, insights relevant to theme/intention | Development of ideas Refinement of work Experimenting and selecting the appropriate mediums, techniques and processes | Planning and testing Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation Presentation skills |
| Summative Assessment | Sketchbook submission | AO4 – Final outcome 10 hour out of sketchbook final piece | Sketchbook submission | Sketchbook submission | AO4 – Final outcome 10 hour out of sketchbook final piece |
| Builds on | Exploration of a theme/ Research and recording (AO1/3) | Understanding of how to develop meaningful ideas in response to a theme (AO1-4) | Exploration of a theme/ Research and recording (AO1/3) | Understanding of how to develop meaningful ideas in response to a theme (AO1-4) | Understanding of how to develop meaningful ideas in response to a theme (AO1-4) |
| Builds towards | Developing ideas (AO2/4) | Understanding of how to explore all AO's | Developing ideas (AO2/4) | Developing ideas (AO2/4) | - |











| YEAR 12 PHOTOGRAPHY | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Key content | SKILLS: Digital Photography & Darkroom techniques | SKILLS// What is a constructed landscape? | In(decisive Moments) | 2D> 3D>2D>3D | Personal Investigation | Personal Investigation // Personal Essay |
| Key concepts & skills | How to use the digital camera The formal elements Analysing a contact sheet Writing about photos Dark room printing: Pinhole, Lumens, Chemigrams | Constructed landscapes Collage Composition Research through own investigations related to theme Developing critical understanding of sources Recording ideas, insights relevant to theme/ intention | Artist: Henri Cartier Bresson Documentary photography Composition Photoshop Manipulating images Dark room printing | Artist: Albert Renger-Patzsch Presentation formats: Constantina Photobook 3D sculptures Use of photoediting apps Writing an evaluation | Exploring and developing ideas to explore Writing a statement of intent Research through own investigations related to theme Developing critical understanding of sources Recording ideas, insights relevant to theme/ intention | Research through own investigations related to own/personal theme Developing critical understanding of sources relevant to theme Recording ideas, insights relevant to theme/intention Planning and Development of ideas Essay plan |
| Summative Assessment | Sketchbook submission | Sketchbook submission Presentation of an outcome | Sketchbook submission Presentation of an outcome | Sketchbook submission Presentation of an outcome | Sketchbook submission Presentation of an outcome | Sketchbook submission Presentation of an outcome |
| Builds on | GCSE Photography | Understanding of the formal elements | Dark room techniques, the formal elements | Manipulation of images The formal elements | Developing ideas from for a theme | Chosen theme and exploration of a range of ideas |
| Builds towards | Mini project: Constructed Landscapes | Understanding how to develop a project from a theme | How to curate images Presentation formats | Understanding how to develop ideas from a theme | Independent Research and exploration of chosen theme | Responding to the theme, developing own ideas |











| YEAR 13 PHOTOGRAPHY | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 |
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| Key content | Personal project // Personal Essay | Personal project | ESA – 1 Feb Researching and responding to a theme | ESA Developing and refining ideas | ESA Testing final ideas/ Presenting a final outcome |
| Key concepts & skills | Further Development of ideas Further Refinement of work Experimenting and selecting the appropriate mediums, techniques and processes Developing a personal investigation/ Essay | Planning and testing Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation Presentation of a final illustrated essay | Responding to a exam theme Writing a statement of intent Research through own investigations related to a chosen theme Presenting critical understanding of sources Recording ideas, insights relevant to theme/intention | Development and presentation of ideas Refinement of work Experimenting and selecting the appropriate mediums, techniques and processes | Planning and testing Presenting a final outcome Writing an evaluation Presentation skills Visual communication of an idea |
| Summative Assessment | Presentation of an outcome with written caption Submission of essay | AO4 – Final outcome 15 hour out of sketchbook final piece, sketchbook and essay submission | Sketchbook submission | Sketchbook submission. Presentation of developed ideas | AO4 – Final outcome 15 hour out of sketchbook final piece, sketchbook |
| Builds on | Artist research and investigations around personal theme | Development of ideas | Exploration of a theme/ Research and recording (AO1/3) | Understanding of how to develop meaningful ideas in response to a theme (AO1-4) | Development of ideas in relation to chosen theme |
| Builds towards | Presenting a final outcome | Understanding how to explore a project theme/ understanding the AO's (1-4) | Developing ideas (AO2/4) | Developing ideas (AO2/4) | |







