



Preparing for my **PHOTOGRAPHY** exam

Which syllabus am I studying?

- Exam board: AQA
- Title: GCSE (Art) Photography
- West Exe course content:

Photography as a means of self-expression. How we 'read' images. The image in series. Photoshop for photography. 'Autumn' project. Depth of Field. Long Exposures.

You will then go on to do the AQA course content: **Module One: A Sense Of Place/The Person I Am/Here And Now** and then the **Photography Exam**.

What is in the exam and how long is it?

- The exam process is the same as Module One but you have less time to do it. The paper is issued the first week back after the Christmas Holiday and you will have 12 weeks to research, plan and prepare using an A3 or A4 sketchbook. The exam itself will be over two days in exam conditions at the end of March. You will be expected to have everything done in your book before the end of March date apart from editing your already selected 'Final Piece' and writing a thorough (4-6 page) evaluation.

What does the exam paper look like?

- There will be a series of words or phrases which are the **Written Starting Point**. You select one of these in much the same way as you selected (or were given) a written starting point for Module One (eg. The Person I Am). From here the process is the same!

What are the Key resources that I should be using?

- I have a very thorough library of Artists/Photographers on the school system. Use this to decide upon which written starting point you will select; there are over a seventy relevant artists to choose from and many examples of each of artists work. I also have past papers, exam marking criteria, Exemplar material from past students at A, B and C grades and a thorough guide to writing your evaluation.

Where are the resources and what are the folders called?

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Use the internet to research artists too but you must check with me once you have found a particular artist as inspiration for your own work.