Photography

Learning Aims and Curriculum Intent:

Intent:

As a department we are fundamentally committed to providing students with outstanding learning opportunities and, as a result, we intend to make a significant contribution to the field of Art Education. Put in simple terms, we intend:

To be recognized as one of the most forward thinking and successful Art departments in London (and by extension the world).

To be recognized as a center of excellence in Art education (beyond merely secondary education).

To provide outstanding opportunities and experiences for Forest Students.

To provide outstanding Art opportunities for the wider community.

Our curriculum is fundamental in making this happen.

Departmental Aims:

Broadly, the curriculum will form an important part in enabling the realisation of the Art department's 'Vision and Values Statements' (points 1, 2 and 3 are of particular relevance). These statements are a means of bringing our intent to life. They are outlined below:

- (1) Our curriculum is Broad and values Inclusion, Diversity and Sustainability.
- (2) Forest Students Have an Excellent Art Experience.(3) We Raise the Profile of the Department so it is High Profile.
- (4) Staff have access to Excellent Subject Specific CPD.
- (5) Students Art education prepares them well for life beyond the White Gates allowing them to engage with the aesthetic world with confidence and appreciation.

More specifically, the Year 7 curriculum will support students in acquiring the KS4 Skills, Knowledge and Threshold concepts for Photography which are outlined below.

Student will develop well developed understanding of	More specifically	When will this occur?
The formal elements	An understanding of how the formal elements are used by artists in their work to create an emotional or conceptual effect. An understanding of composition, perspective, foreshortening.	Year 10 Michaelmas
Use of a DSLR/Bridge Camera	An understanding of how to record from direct observation + create an atmospheric/emotional effect. An ability to explore observational drawing in a range of scales and media.	Year 10 Michaelmas and Lent
Colour Theory	An understanding of how colours can be used to create an emotional, atmospheric or conceptual effect.	Year 10 Lent
Animation	An understanding of how to use a range of drawing techniques to record ideas and create an emotional, atmospheric, or conceptual effect.	Year 10 Trinity
Experimental / wider drawing	An understanding of relief printing, reduction printing, mono-printing, etching (possible collagraph).	Year 10 Trinity
Studio / controlled light photography	An understanding of how ceramics can be manipulated to create an emotional, atmospheric, or conceptual effect.	Year 10 Trinity and Year 11 Michaelmas
Wider photographic techniques	An understanding of oil painting and acrylic painting. Confidence in mixing and applying paint accurately using a range of processes and equipment.	Year 10 Lent and Trinity
Portrait photography	An understanding of how three-dimensional media can be manipulated to create an emotional, atmospheric or conceptual effect. An understanding of a range of sculptural processes. An understanding of how 2-dimensional design can transform into 3-dimensional form.	Year 10 Lent and Trinity
Analogue photography	An understanding of compositional styles.	Year 10 Michaelmas and Year 11 Michaelmas
Use of a darkroom	An understanding of how photoshop can be used to edit images in order to create an emotional, atmospheric, or conceptual effect.	Year 10 Lent and Trinity
Digital editing techniques	An understanding of how to create a dynamic page that clearly communicates ideas and creates visual impact. An ability to review sketchbook progress against the assessment objectives.	Year 10 Lent and Trinity
Artist Analysis	A well-developed critical understanding of the work of broad range of artists and designers. Experience of engaging directly in Art through exhibitions and artist visits.	All terms
Design and Development of Ideas	An understanding of how to select and present appropriate information in order to develop ideas. An ability to synthesise information in order to develop and record ideas fluently through annotation.	Year 10 Trinity and Year 11 Michaelmas
Reflect on and learn from mistakes	Using reflective language to demonstrate a critical understanding of their creative processes.	Year 10 Michaelmas and Year 11 Michaelmas
Learning independently	An ability to construct their own success criteria and reflect on work considering WWW? EBI?	Year 11 Lent and Trinity

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Term	Content, Key Questions and Knowledge	Skills	Assessment
Michaelmas	Topic: 'Capturing Light' – Basic Photographic Skills. Indicative content: Big Learning Objective: Develop your ability to use a range of photographic skills, processes and techniques framed within the theme of 'Capturing Light'. Ensure that you: AO1: Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. AO2: Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting, and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques, and processes. AO3: Record ideas, observations, and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses. AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language. For a more detailed breakdown of these skills please refer to the table above which outlines the skills, knowledge and threshold concepts relating to KS4 Photography. Threshold Question: How can I investigate a topic of 'Capturing Light using appropriate media, processes, and techniques to: Develop Ideas Refine Ideas Refine Ideas Present Ideas Discipline: Discipline: Fine Art	Subject Specific Skills The Formal Elements Genres of Photography Camara angles, viewpoint and perspective. Framing Use of DLSR Camera Portrait Photography Digital editing techniques Sketchbook Presentation Artist analysis Reflect on and learn from mistakes Aperture Control Shutter Speed Control Transferable Skills Collaboration Creativity Communication Oracy Literacy Self-Assessment Peer Assessment	For more details and a justification of this approach, please refer to the Art department Assessment Policy. Holistic assessment of sketchbook. This method of assessment is in the final marking of GCSE and A-Level coursework as well as approaches taken to assessment in the world's leading Art Schools. Use of KS4 Assessment Grid and Departmental Standardisation training to aid accuracy of assessment.
Lent	Topic: Self-Directed Project (Students develop a project in response to their own self-selected theme). Indicative content: Objective: Investigate a project of your choice. Ensure that you: AO1: Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources. AO2: Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting, and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes. AO3: Record ideas, observations, and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses. AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language. AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language. Threshold Question: How can I investigate a topic of my choice using appropriate media, processes and techniques to: Develop Ideas Refine Ideas Record Ideas Present Ideas Discipline: Discipline: Photography	Subject Specific Skills Students' choice Transferable Skills Collaboration Creativity Communication Oracy Literacy Self-Assessment Peer Assessment	For more details and a justification of this approach, please refer to the Art department Assessment Policy. Holistic assessment of sketchbook. This method of assessment is in the final marking of GCSE and A-Level coursework as well as approaches taken to assessment in the world's leading Art Schools. Use of KS4 Assessment Grid and Departmental Standardisation training to aid accuracy of assessment.

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How can I investigate a topic of my choice using appropriate media, processes and techniques to:
Develop Ideas
Refine Ideas
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Present Ideas

Discipline:

Discipline: Photography

Subject Specific Skills Students' choice

Transferable SkillsCollaboration Creativity Communication Oracy Literacy Self-Assessment

Peer Assessment

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Examples of Homework	(1) Take a series of photographs of 'Boring Objects' from several angles (in reference to Jergen Teller's work). Ensure that you: Take at least ten photographs. Explore different angles. Explore different perspectives. Utilise a variety of framing techniques.		
Key terminology	Great teaching can perhaps be understood as being akin to Jazz Improvisation. E.g. Freedom to respond to an environment in a way that is sensitive and brings about new learning and experiences can only occur within very strict and well-constructed boundaries and frameworks. With this in mind it is important to note that, throughout the course of a project, and as a result of expert teaching, some key terminology will develop unexpectedly. For this reason, the list below is not exhaustive. However, as a minimum, the following terms will be explored: Composition, Refinement, Critical analysis, Documentation, Recording, Presentation, Development, Observation, Tone, Line, Texture, Shape, Form, Pattern, Space, Light, Assemblage, ISO, Aperture, Shutter Speed, Symmetrical Balance, Asymmetrical Balance, Fix, Developer, Photogram, Chemigram, Cyanotype, Long Exposure, Short Exposure		
Super-curricular enrichment and scholarly extension	Due to the self-directed nature of KS4 content, students Super Curricular requirements will differ. As such, we will differentiate and propose different super curricular opportunities to students on a case by case basis. This will be evidenced in students tutorial logs/ digital sketchbooks and can be shown upon request. However, for Michaelmas 1, all students will be encouraged to Michaelmas: Read: Ways of Seeing' John Berger Watch: Wolfgang Tillmans – 'What Art Does in me is Beyond Words' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYIXGdoTwWA Visit: The Photographer's Gallery https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/		
Useful websites	https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk/		
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