

# PHOTOGRAPHY

# A Level

# Year 12 Induction Pack & Summer Project

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# Photography Summer Project

\*You are required to complete the following tasks and present them to the class during your first A Level lesson in September.

Your A Level starting point will be assessed on how well you do these tasks.

Your first A Level Unit 1 theme will be 'Inside, Outside, In between'

TASK: Create a presentation - either on paper or a PowerPoint presentation

| PROJECT 1: "Life in Lockdown" Miss Beller   |   |   |  |  |  |
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| Task:   | Details:  | Present this evidence:  |  |  |  |
| "LIFE IN LOCKDOWN"  | Document your personal experience of "Life in Lockdown". Research<br>relevant Artists and take inspiration from their images.<br><u>STAY SAFE and please follow the governments advice during lockdown.</u><br>This project should take about 20 hours to complete  | Create a PowerPoint<br>slideshow for all of<br>your work on this<br>project.  |  |  |  |
| TASK 1: MINDMAP<br>Look at the work of the<br>photographers listed who<br>have documented aspects<br>of everyday life.<br>LIST A-<br>Other Photographers who<br>could inspire you<br>LIST B -<br>Photographers who have<br>specifically explored the<br>experience of lockdown<br>during the COVID-19 crisis. | LIST A<br>Richard Billingham<br>https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2016/mar/13/richard-<br>billingham-tower-block-white-dee-rays-a-laugh-liz<br>Martin Parr<br>https://www.martinparr.com/books/#gallery/81804240409/244<br>https://www.martinparr.com/books/#gallery/8600185740/214<br>Sannah Kvist<br>https://www.flavorwire.com/263150/fascinating-photos-of-young-people-with-all-their-<br>possessions?all=1<br>LIST B<br>Nadia Shira Cohen<br>Gianni Cipriano<br>Camilla Ferrari<br>https://www.npr.org/sections/pictureshow/2020/04/10/825359269/italian-<br>lockdown-images-of-life-in-isolation?t=1587925094632<br>Julia Keil<br>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-52353298 | Create a mind map<br>with each of the<br>Artists names and<br>keywords describing<br>their work and ideas.<br>You can create this in<br>PowerPoint, or write<br>by hand and<br>photograph this<br>clearly and insert into<br>your PowerPoint<br>presentation.<br><i>Stretch and<br/>challenge:</i> Research<br>and find three more<br>Photographers who<br>have documented<br>lockdown. |  |  |  |

|  | https://www.bjp-online.com/2020/04/evidence-of-work-piero-percoco/   |                                 |
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|  | https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/02/brighton-photographer-   |                                 |
|  | <u>charts-life-under-coronavirus-lockdown</u>  |                                 |
|  | National Geographic Article  |                                 |
|  | https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/photography/2020/03/coronavirus-  |                                 |
|  | national-geographic-photographers-capture-their-worlds-<br>pause?gallery=5003485ℑ=20200321_camillaferrari_istayhome_9087 |                                 |
| TASK 2: PHOTOSHOOTS                        | IDEAS:   | In PowerPoint:                  |
| and EDITING                                | Still life/ Belongings   | A)                              |
| A) Create a series of                      | Portraits/ self-portraits/ hobbies / new activities  | Present your                    |
| personal photographs<br>which document the | Nature / garden / parks<br>Close up  | contact sheets.                 |
| Corona Virus and the                       | Abstract   | Annotate them to<br>explain the |
| experience you have had                    | Reflections  | best/worst shots                |
| of living in Lockdown.                     | Food / mealtimes   | Point out the more              |
| You can choose one or                      | Communication  | interesting or                  |
| more of these ideas and                    | Emotions   | unusual, shots                  |
| you will need to take around 30 images.    | Imaginary events or characters<br>Outside looking in   | where you have<br>tried to be   |
| around 50 mages.                           | Inside looking out   | experimental.                   |
| B) Use Snapseed to edit                    |  | experimental.                   |
| your best images                           |  |                                 |
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|  |  |                                 |
|  |  | Choose 6-10 of                  |
|  |  | your best images.               |
|  |  | B) Download the                 |
|  |  | Snapseed App so that            |
|  |  | you can edit your               |
|  |  | best images. There              |

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| TASK 1:<br>Research two Photographers,<br>one for exteriors, one for<br>interiors.<br>See next page | Photographers:         • Franchesca Woodman         • Andreas Gursky         • Martin Parr         • Tomothy Archibald         • Prateek Dubey         • Fay Godwin         • Aaron Siskind         • Harry Callahan         • Michael Wolf         • Kaja Nisha Patel | See example<br>presentation• Introduce the<br>Photographer<br>and explain how<br>their work<br>explores<br>interiors and<br>exteriors or the<br>spaces in<br>between (this<br>can often be in<br>an emotional or<br>metaphorical<br> |
| TASK 2:<br>Complete two Photography<br>shoots.  | Your images need to convey a message or tell a story<br>Shoot 1:<br>Explore interior spaces in detail  | <ul> <li>Present your contact sheets. Annotate them to explain the best/worst shots</li> </ul>   |

| Take at least <u>50 shots</u> per<br>shoot, using a camera or<br>good quality camera-phone   | Use different shot-types and angles e.g. extreme close up, medium shot, wide shot,<br>extreme angle, low angle etc. Capture different lighting conditions. You can include<br>portraits & figures.<br>Shoot 2:<br><u>Explore exterior spaces</u><br>Wherever you go, look at the community around you. Look for the unusual in<br>everyday settings. Use different shot types.<br>What sort of surprising images can you capture? | <ul> <li>Introduce the<br/>Photographer and<br/>explain how their<br/>work explores<br/>interiors and<br/>exteriors or the<br/>spaces in between<br/>(this can often be in<br/>an emotional or<br/>metaphorical way,<br/>as well as literal)</li> <li>Analyse specific<br/>examples of their<br/>work - describe the<br/>images and make<br/>sure you include<br/>visual examples.</li> </ul> |
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| <u>TASK 3:</u><br>Select 6 of your own best<br>images and display them on<br>one sheet/slide | Choose images you think are technically good, but also show some that are<br>unusual, abstract or surprising.<br>They can black and white or colour.  | Explain how your own<br>photographs have<br>explored interiors and<br>exteriors or the<br>spaces in between.  |

# Photographers:



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Andreas Gursky

Martin Parr

Timothy Archibald





Fay Godwin

Aaron Siskind

Harry Callahan

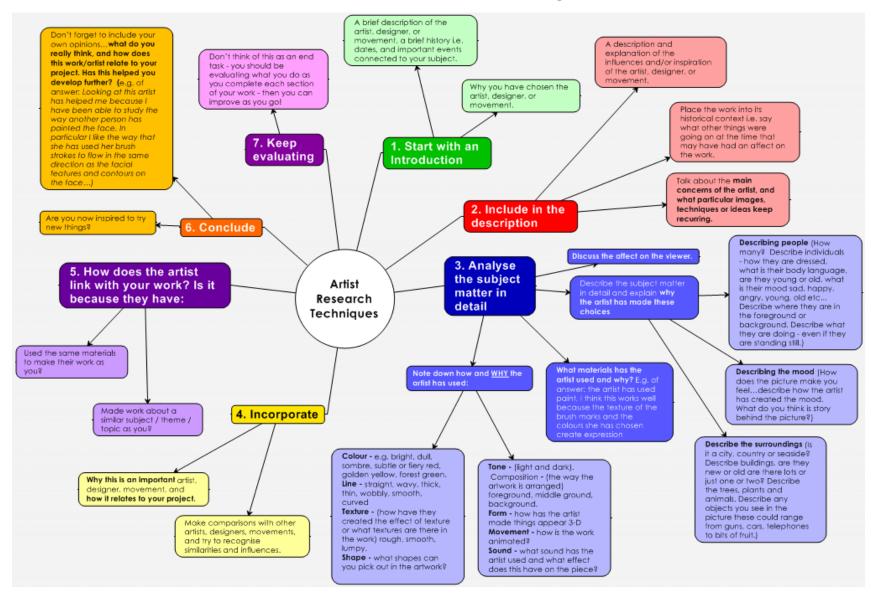
Michael Wolf

Kaja Nisha Patel

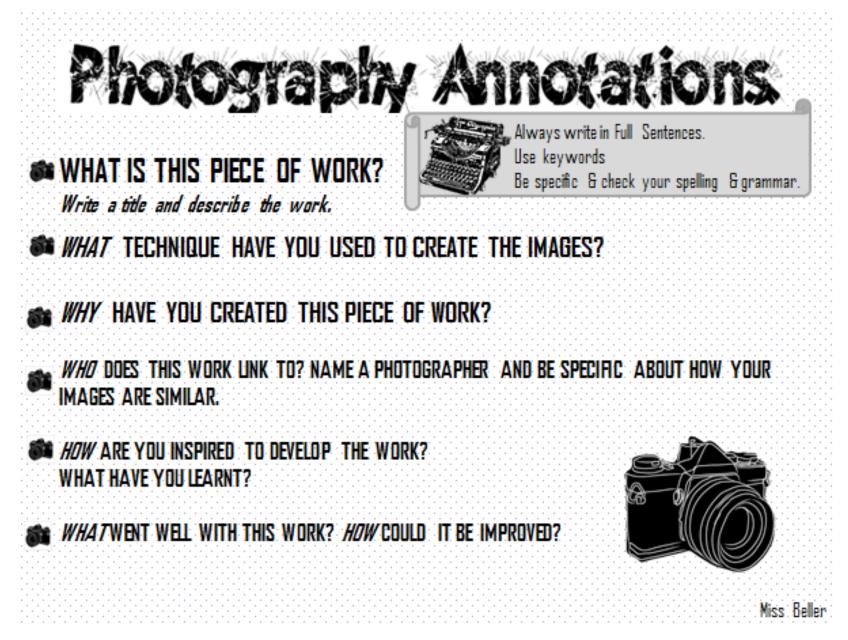
# Photography A Level course structure over 2 years:

| Autumn term 1  | Spring term 1  | Summer term 1   | Autumn term 2   | Spring term 2   | Summer term 2  |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| <ul> <li>*Yr 12 Present the<br/>Summer Project.</li> <li>Induction period &amp;<br/>coursework, Unit 1:</li> <li>Students are given a theme<br/>for the coursework study.</li> <li>Students given opportunities<br/>to develop their knowledge,<br/>understanding and skills, to<br/>include:</li> <li>generating and<br/>developing ideas</li> <li>researching primary and<br/>contextual sources</li> <li>recording practical and<br/>written observations</li> <li>exploring materials,<br/>processes, technologies<br/>and techniques</li> <li>Introduction to research<br/>skills and analysis of sources</li> <li>Contextual studies:<br/>Artist, Gallery &amp; cultural<br/>research</li> </ul> | Students are given<br>further<br>opportunities to<br>develop their<br>knowledge,<br>understanding and<br>skills.<br>Work becomes<br>more<br>individualised as<br>students develop<br>unique and<br>personal directions<br>in their approach.<br>Private study<br>tasks include:<br>• Contextual<br>studies: Artist,<br>Gallery &<br>cultural<br>research<br>• Sketchbook<br>annotation<br>• Developing<br>your theme<br>• Personal study<br>research | Students given<br>further<br>opportunities to<br>develop their<br>knowledge,<br>understanding and<br>skills<br>Students start work<br>on the <b>Personal</b><br><b>Investigation</b> , a<br>1000-3000 word<br>research essay<br>which links directly<br>to their practical Art<br>work and personal<br>theme.<br><u>Private study</u><br><u>tasks include:</u><br>• Personal study<br>research<br>• preparing for<br>Year 12 Mock<br>exam | <ul> <li>*Yr 13 Submit<br/>Summer Tasks</li> <li>Redrafts of the<br/>Personal<br/>Investigation.</li> <li>Students continue<br/>with Personal<br/>Investigation<br/>practical work.</li> <li>Students plan and<br/>undertake a<br/>contextual enquiry<br/>relevant to their<br/>ongoing practical<br/>work. Work<br/>becomes<br/>increasingly<br/>individual and<br/>independent.</li> <li>Private study<br/>tasks include:</li> <li>Personal study<br/>refinement</li> <li>Sketchbook<br/>annotation</li> <li>Developing<br/>your theme</li> </ul> | Students finish work on<br>Personal Investigation<br>Submission Deadline<br>for Unit 1.<br>Exam period begins,<br>Unit 2: Externally Set<br>Assignment<br>preparatory period<br>begins in February<br>Students have only 10<br>weeks to complete Unit<br>2<br>Students start work on<br>preparatory studies in<br>response to the<br>externally set theme.<br>Testing techniques for<br>final piece ideas.<br>Private study tasks<br>include:<br>Developing your<br>theme & response<br>Artist research<br>Sketchbook<br>annotation | The exam, Unit 2<br>(externally set<br>assignment) Students<br>complete final art<br>pieces in controlled<br>exam conditions.<br>Length:15 x hours<br>over 3 days.<br>Submission Deadline<br>for Unit 2<br>Public Exhibition and<br>display of all student's<br>work.<br>Edexcel Moderator visits<br>to assess marks.<br>Private study tasks<br>include:<br>• Reviewing and<br>refining work as<br>needed<br>• Sketchbook<br>annotation<br>• Display and<br>Exhibition<br>management |

#### How to research an Artist/Photographer:



How to annotate:



# SENTENCE STARTERS Photographs to explore ....."

WHAT TECHNIQUE HAVE YOU USED TO CREATE THE IMAGES?

"Using the camera close-up allowed me to ... "

"I thought carefully about strong composition ...."

### WHY HAVE YOU CREATED THIS PIECE OF WORK?

Refer to your learning objectives.

For e.g. "I decided to take photographs to explore the theme of movement."

"I photographed people jumping using a fast shutter speed in order to capture movement."

"I wanted to create strong compositions because the objective was to show the shapes of alphabet letters within the frame of the photograph"

WHO DOES THIS WORK LINK TO? NAME A PHOTOGRAPHER AND BE SPECIFIC ABOUT HOW YOUR IMAGES ARE SIMILAR.

"My images share a visual connection with the artist because ......." ".....'s work has inspired me to try and recreate ........ "These images look like the Artists's work because ......."

HOW ARE YOU INSPIRED TO DEVELOP THE WORK? "Learning how to ...... has enabled me to ....." "To develop this work further, I could ....."

WHAT WENT WELL WITH THIS WORK? HOW COULD IT BE IMPROVED?

Miss: Beller

#### **Keywords:**

photography wordbank

| Colour  | Composition   | Mood   | Style   | Light  | Technique  | Media   |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Bright<br>Clashing<br>Cold<br>Contrast<br>Deep<br>Dull<br>Glowing<br>Harmonious<br>Hue<br>Intense<br>Luminous<br>Monochrome<br>Opaque<br>Pale<br>Pure<br>Saturation<br>Transparent<br>Vibrant<br>Warm | Angle<br>Background<br>Blurred<br>Balance<br>Complex<br>Distance<br>Eye line<br>Framing<br>Focus<br>Foreground<br>Form<br>Line<br>Middle ground<br>Movement<br>Near<br>Perspective<br>Scale<br>Space<br>Shape | Alive<br>Atmospheric<br>Calm<br>Delicate<br>Depressing<br>Dignified<br>Disturbing<br>Fresh<br>Exciting<br>Flamboyant<br>Expressive<br>Humorous<br>Imposing<br>Nostalgic<br>Sad<br>Sentimental<br>Setting<br>Tranquil | Abstract<br>Content<br>Derivative<br>Documentary<br>Distorted<br>Emotional<br>Exaggerated<br>Fake<br>Fantasy<br>Figurative<br>Landscape<br>Religious<br>Repetition<br>Representational<br>Still life<br>Surreal<br>Symbolic<br>Intention<br>Theme | Aperture<br>Aperture priority<br>Artificial<br>Contrast<br>Chroma<br>Dark<br>Develop<br>Exposure<br>Focus<br>Filter<br>Evening<br>Fierce<br>Gentle<br>Harsh<br>Hazy<br>ISO<br>Intense<br>Lens<br>Natural | Texture<br>Calibration<br>Digital<br>F-Stop<br>Layered<br>Panorama<br>Pixelization<br>Resolution<br>Solarized<br>Shutter priority<br>Shutter speed<br>Depth of field | Collage<br>Digital<br>Paint<br>Print<br>Photograph<br>Mixed media<br>Photoshop<br>Pixel<br>Noise<br>Film photography<br>Cyanotype<br>Pin hole |
| 200<br>1  | Symmetry<br>Torn<br>Tryptic<br>Thumbnail  |  |   | Shady<br>Shadowy<br>Warm   | K  |   |

#### This is how you will meet the criteria of the four Edexcel A Level Assessment Objectives:

# **A01 – RESEARCH, EXPLORE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Research artists relevant to your sub theme - use the research sheet, 4 paragraphs (600 words) - double page

Your own response(s) to the artist/photographer/designer - use the response sheet we have made for you - make your own version from your own photos, different typefaces, a new image (don't copy the artist's work) – develop technique - double pages

Extra developments - combine artist's styles - show you understand the artists you have researched - use their techniques, colours, message or mood

Compare artists - A01 group crit 1 - repeat twice through your book - important to link this with your final piece plan

Project proposal - A01 group crit 2 - to analyse your sub theme and ideas in greater depth - explaining the project to the moderator

Literacy links - A01 group crit 3 - to look beyond artists (read around the subject - sub theme) - looking at articles, novels, essays, films, documentaries and current affairs

Annotating your pages - 5 sentences per page - use the guide and prompts we provide for you

# **A02 – EXPERIMENT AND REFINE**

Improve and refine your work - Go back over your work, research and developments - Fill the pages adding greater detail and sophistication - make lots of small tests

Experiment with materials, media and process - use mix media, combine techniques - Use new untested materials, use a broad range of techniques and styles

Pick your best experiments to develop further into and in much greater depth - select materials that work best for your sub theme and that you enjoy manipulating and testing – show colour mixing, add swatches, show contact sheets – explain the process in stages - Keep to set colours (2-3)

## **A03 – MAKING AND ANNOTATION**

Show a mixture of style and techniques - make larger version of your favourites

Show line tone and texture - develop your skills

Show improvement in each process - make more than one image in each technique to show refinement

Look at the internet for tips on developing techniques - Discuss with your teacher - look at other students ideas and developments - look at past books

# **A04 – FINAL PIECE AND EVALUATION**

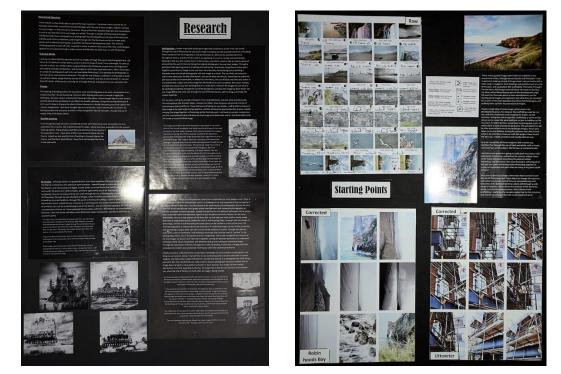
Use the final piece plan sheet - show at least 4 ideas - show at least 5 techniques you might use, in small swatches

Make a complete, refined and realised final piece - the best you can make, linking to 2-3 artists and your sub theme

Try to use at least 3 techniques in your final piece - keep to selected colours, your sub theme and your favourite techniques

Evaluate your book and final piece - Use the evaluation sheets to conclude your final piece and your book work - refer to key artists and techniques you have developed

## Example presentation:



## Useful websites for research:

www.studentartguide.com

www.tate.org.uk

uk.pinterest.com/categories/photography/

thephotographersgallery.org.uk

www.widewalls.ch

www.huckmagazine.com/topics/photography/