

# HIGHER PHOTOGRAPHY ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## Which topics are covered at HIGHER?

- How to use a DSLR camera
- Genres and Styles
- Exposure
- ISO
- Aperture
- Shutter Speed
- Focus
- White Balance
- Tonal Range
- Using Equipment
- Lenses and Filters
- Postproduction
- Properties of Light
- Studio Lighting
- Composition
- Visual Elements
- Resolution and Output

For full details of what is covered in these topics across exam & project see pages 5-10 on course spec:  
<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47896.html>

## What apps & websites can I use to support my learning?

- Review videos saved on power points for each topic of learning saved in TEAMS files creative & technical factors.
- SQA NATIONAL HIGHER PHOTOGRAPHY – includes course spec, past papers & marking, learning resources. <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47896.html>
- CLICKVIEW search PHOTOGRAPHY <https://online.clickview.co.uk/search?query=photography>
- GOOGLE search PHOTOGRAPHY + TERM you want to learn about or Techniques.
- YouTube search PHOTOGRAPHY + TERM you want to learn about or Techniques.
- UNSPLASH – good quality photos <https://unsplash.com/>

## Are there important dates of which I should be aware?

Research & Planning DRAFT	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 25
Photo-shoots x 3 (inc. eval, edit, selection)	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 25
Peer Review	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 25
Mid-Point Review	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 25
Assessment	12 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 26
Photo-shoots 4-6 (inc. eval, edit, selection)	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26
Test Prints Sent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 26
Photo-shoots 7-8 (inc. eval, edit, selection)	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Any additional photoshoots	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Final Photos Sent for Printing	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 26
Review of Final Prints & Evaluation	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26
Final Hand in of Project – Flyleaf signed	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26
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## How is the course Assessed?

	Marks	%	Duration
Question Paper	30	23%	1 hour
Folio Project	100	77%	See course spec-assessment section. <a href="https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_cc/h-course-spec-photography.pdf">https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_cc/h-course-spec-photography.pdf</a>
1. Planning, Research & investigation: 20 marks			
2. Development & Production: 70 marks			
3. Evaluation: 10marks			

## Where can I find information on exam & project?

- Understanding Standards section on the SQA website allows you to search the subject and level you are studying. <https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/Photography>
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## What else can I do to improve?

- Use the apps and websites above.
- Use resources on Teams all topics have been saved.
- Use the past papers and time yourself writing a hand written response.
- Regularly check your private channel for next steps based on your learning conversations and ensure you complete these.
- Keep up to date with class and home assignments to develop your skills and knowledge for project & exam.

## Where do I find the past papers?

- You will find past papers on the SQA site. For model answers download copies of the marking instructions for each past paper. These show examples of candidate responses so that they can see how marks are awarded. (exam 23%).  
<https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm?searchText=&subject=Photography&level=NH&includeMiVal=>

## How do I ensure that I achieve my best?

- Keep up to date with deadlines – a checklist with dates, what to include in each section and a breakdown of marks for the folio is saved on the class TEAMS in files with regular reminders on general posts.
- Plan your time & stick to it to complete photo shoots based on checklist.
- Attend study/folio sessions when they start.
- Give yourself time to prepare for the written exam.

