

NPA Level 5 Photography

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The National Progression Award in Photography (Level 5) consists of 4 mandatory units of work; Understanding Photography, Photographing People, Photographing Places and Working with Photographs. Completion of all 4 is required for the course award however; students can complete a selection as standalone units if appropriate.

What can I do to support my child?

The course provides a strong technical and skills based progression for moving onto the Higher Photography course. It runs concurrently with the Higher course for practical and technical lessons.

Students need to:

- Meet the deadline dates detailed in the attached file
- Plan ahead for any known periods of absence to ensure they are up to date with their project
- Study and revise notes from theory lessons to help consolidate key vocabulary and practical skills
- Back up all work onto OneDrive (free access to cloud based storage through their school Glow account)
- Use the Resource section on the SQA Higher Photography page for useful help videos (highly relevant for NPA too)
- Problem solve—there will be occasions where photo shoots will be completed

outwith class time and where I am not there for help. YouTube is an excellent resource to utilise if any technical issues occur.

The most useful resource is our Microsoft Team '**5.4 Higher Photography**'. It is filled with templates, examples and help sheets for Higher and NPA.

There is also a folder containing all the PowerPoints with our theory lesson content.

Photography Resources

These videos have been created to help support teachers, lecturers and candidates with their understanding of basic camera concepts. More videos will be added to this list over the coming months and we will notify centres when new videos have been published

- [Photography Basics: Exposure](#)
- [Photography Basics: Shutter speed](#)
- [Photography Basics: Aperture](#)

Date	What should be complete?
29 th October	Unit 1 Complete 'Understanding Photography'
18 th December	Unit 2 Complete 'Photographing Places'
12 th February	Unit 3 Complete 'Photographing People'
29 th March	Unit 4 Complete 'Working with Photographs'
30 th April	Evaluation Final Submission of Project Presented in A3 folder with all appropriate SQA Documents complete