

Photography Transition Pack

Year 12



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Hello, my name is Mr Mayell and I have the privilege of being your new photography tutor in photography. Here is a small welcome pack to give you a greater understanding regards the essential equipment you will need and what to expect in the forthcoming lessons. I look forward to meeting you all very soon

Kindest regards Mr Mayell

Course outline

Throughout your lessons you will learn various skills within photography looking at genres such as

- Digital photography (Photoshop)
- Digital SLR
- Analogue SLR
- Studio photography
- Black & white darkroom techniques

We will also research a range of famous and historical photographers from many fields in the industry. You will cover this class by completing various set assignments that will cover various Units and grading criteria's. All tasks set in your assignments will clearly show what units and grading criteria each task hits.

List of Equipment

Below is a list of equipment you will need, as well as this I have given you a wish list, which may come in handy at Christmas.

Below I'm giving you two lists, Essential Equipment & Wish List.

Essential Equipment is what you will need to help you through the class throughout the year and the Wish List is equipment that would be a welcomed added bonus in your photography lessons for the more dedicated works but not essential.

Essential Equipment

- **USB memory stick** (largest memory size you can afford)
- **Stationary (pens, pencils & rulers and pencil eraser)**
- **Work folder or sketch book of your choice**
- **SD Memory Card**
- **Card reader**

Wish List

- **DSLR camera (digital single lens reflex)**
- **SLR camera (Single Lens reflex) film camera**

SLR Cameras

A Single lens reflex camera is a 35mm film camera that comes with a standard 50mm lens. An SLR camera has a detachable lens, enabling you to use various lenses of your choice.

Good makes to consider would be **Nikon, Canon, Olympus & Pentax**. A good SLR camera in reasonable condition ranges

between £30 to £150 pounds and will normally come with a standard 50mm lens if you shop around.

Examples of SLR cameras



DSLR Cameras

A Digital Single Lens Reflex camera is the same as a SLR (Single Lens Reflex) camera but instead of film, the image is captured on a Digital format. The pictures can be viewed on a **LCD screen** and are saved on a Digital memory card known as an **SD memory card**, which is the most common storage card used by **DSLR** cameras. You can pick up a decent DSLR camera for around £250 to £300 which generally will record your images at around 18 mega pixels or above. The two main **DSLR** cameras on the market are **Nikon** and **Canon**. You can

pick up a decent Nikon **D80** or a **D90** for around £80 to £150 pounds. You need to get a minimum of **18 mega pixels** or above, preferably. A Canon **EOS 70D** or **80D** are reasonably priced as well. But remember that the higher the mega pixel the more expensive the camera. Generally, **DSLR** cameras come with a **Vari-Focal Length Lens** between **18 – 135 mm**

Examples of DSLR Cameras





USB Memory Stick

The general rule with these is the larger the memory capacity the more expensive the drive. A **32 gig** can be as cheap as a couple of pounds where as a **2 TB will cost around £10** where as a **256 GB will cost around £30**. The bigger the memory-stick the better.



SD Memory Cards

These storage devices come in different memory capacities and are used to store digital imagery inside your DSLR camera. Once shots are taken they can be used to download onto any PC using a card reader. The general rule is the bigger the memory size of the **SD card**, the more expensive it becomes. Generally, an SD card with a memory capacity of **32GB costs around £10** and **64GB costs around £20**, **128GB costs around £32** pounds and so on it goes.



Card Reader

A memory card reader is a device for accessing the data on a memory card such as a CompactFlash, Secure Digital or Multi Media Card. The card reader basically allows you to download your images onto a computer to work on your pictures in photo editing suites. Card readers range in price from as low as £5 up to £15 or more.



Generally purchasing a multi card reader is the best option as this will read all formats.

Task: Signs by Julian Wearing

In 1992-3 Julian Wearing developed a series of prints depicting the theme “Signs” it illustrated people’s inner feelings and emotions depicted using the medium of photography. Here are some examples of her work.



The images document the people themselves and the emotions they feel. For this task I would like you to do the same. Here are a series of tasks I have set to help you develop your ideas.

Set Tasks

1. Develop a mind map of ideas to produced signed images of yourself and 2 members of your family the choice is yours.
2. Make a mind map & consider the environment you will take the photograph in as well as the stance of the model and the clothes they are wearing
3. Ask your model what message they would like to write on the card then consider how it will be photographed.
4. Does the image of your model & the environment its taken in suit the message on the card.
5. Evaluate your images in comparison to those taken by Julian Wearing.

NOTE

Place all this work into a word document or in a Power-Point, the choice is yours. This can be reviewed in class when we return to school.

An example of key points to consider when evaluating the image



- He is a businessman from the city & this is depicted by his suit and the way he is presented.
- The message I'm desperate could represent a high pressure job that is stressful behind his smooth look
- He has a slight smile as if to say he is hiding how he truly feels.
- The dull colours within the image depict a bleak overview
- He looks like he is in his working surroundings outside his office.

Good Luck with this task and I hope you enjoy doing it. Try your best and we can discuss your results when we return to school.