

A Level Photography - **Summer Transition Task Overview:**

We would like you to complete a series of tasks in preparation for the course, which can be used as part of your coursework. Your coursework accounts for 60% of the overall grade.

Please complete this work on **Google Slides** if you can. If you haven't used this before, please use PowerPoint. We will be using Google Slides for some of your coursework and so it would be useful to familiarise yourself with it over the summer if you can.

Task 1 - All About Me

Task 2 - Photography Study

Task 3 - Pinterest

Task 1: All About Me

1. Create a new slide document (landscape). On the first slide, add a title 'All About Me.'
2. **Write a paragraph to explain why you chose to pursue this Photography course** and why you are interested in developing your photography skills. This will help us understand you, your aspirations and how best to support you. It should be no more than 300 words (no less than 200). Include what you believe to be your strengths and the areas you would like to work on over the course.
3. On the following slides, you are going to **add 10-15 photographs** you have taken which you feel reflect your personality, photography style and interests. You can add one photo per slide, or multiple photos per slide. These could be new or old photos you have taken (if you studied GCSE Photography at Poynton, please don't include photos from your coursework or exam).
4. **Choose your top 3 shots** out of these. Under each one, **write a short paragraph** to explain why you are proud of this photo. Try to demonstrate your knowledge of any photograph techniques that you know and have applied.

EXAMPLE LAYOUT: TASK 1

Slide 1:

Title:

All About Me

My name is and I chose to study A Level photography because.....

Task:

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Slide 2-12:

Task:

- **Add 10-15 photographs** you have taken which you feel reflect your personality, photography style and interests. You can add one photo per slide, or multiple photos per slide.

Title:

My Own Photos

Then choose your top 3 shots out of these. Under each one, **write a short paragraph** to explain why you are proud of this photo. Try to demonstrate your knowledge of any photograph techniques that you know and have applied.

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Task 2: Photographer Study

1. From the list below, **choose one genre of photography to research** which interests you:
 - Portrait
 - Landscape
 - Still Life
 - Action / Sport
 - Documentary
 - Abstract
 - Macro
 - Conceptual
2. Create a new slide, with the photography type as your title. **Write a definition** of this in your own words and **add 2-3 images** from the internet as examples.

Task 2: Photographer Study

3. **Research photographers in your chosen genre.** Create a new slide. The title should be the name of one photographer you like. In your own words, **write five bullet points** on the key characteristics of their work, i.e. their signature style (you could describe one photo or multiple photos). For example, you could explain the choice of subject matter, photography techniques applied, colours, textures, composition, mood, context etc).
4. Create a new slide, with a title 'My own photos.' **Take at least 6 shots** in the style of the photographer's work and upload them onto your slide (you could present them all on one slide or multiple slides).

EXAMPLE LAYOUT: TASK 2

Slide 1:

Title:

Still Life Photography

Still Life photography is.....

Here are some examples of Still Life Photography taken from the internet.



Task:

- Explain what the genre of photography is that you have chosen to study.
- Add 2-3 examples images



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Slide 2:

Task:

- **write five bullet points** on the key characteristics of their work, i.e. their signature style (you could describe one photo or multiple photos). For example, you could explain the choice of subject matter, photography techniques applied, colours, textures, composition, mood, context etc).

Title:

Photographer Name

Suzanne Saroff is a Still Life photographer who.....

Here are some examples of their work. I like their style of work because...



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Slide 3-4

Task:

- **Take at least 6 shots** in the style of the photographer's work and upload them onto your slide (you could present them all on one slide or multiple slides).

Title:

My Own Photos

Here are some of my own photos in the style of Suzanne Saroff. Here, I have tried to capture.....

Your own photo

Your own photo

Your own photo

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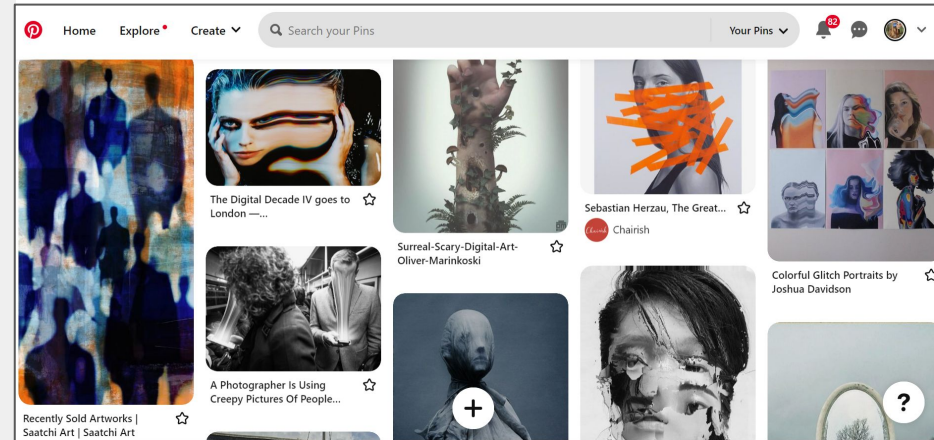
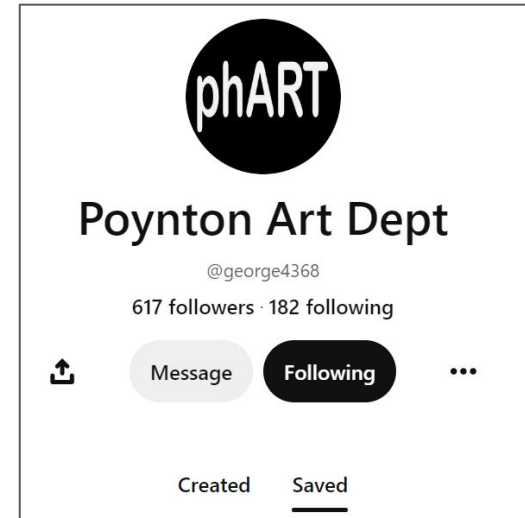
Task 3: Pinterest

Create a Pinterest account (it's free to join) online. You will use this a lot during the course to get inspiration.

Then create a new board called '*A-Level Photography Transition*'.

In here, add a minimum of 30 pinned images that you like, which relate to Photography. This will give us a good idea of your interests so that we can help you as best as we can when you begin your independent projects later in the course.

Follow our department's account: *Poynton Art Dept*. We regularly update this with ideas for you to follow.



We look forward to meeting you in September!