

# PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

## TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 PHOTOGRAPHY student



**1** Take photographs every day with whatever device you have available. Share these images with a community of other photographers online using sites like Flickr and/or Instagram. Seek feedback.

**2** Explore the Threshold Concepts for Photography using the online resources: [www.photopedagogy.com/threshold-concepts1](http://www.photopedagogy.com/threshold-concepts1)

**3** Watch interviews with practising contemporary photographers and lens based artists on websites like [art21.org](http://art21.org)

**4** Read critical essays about the history and theory of photography, many of which can be found online.

**5** Set yourself challenging photography tasks that extend your practice and push you outside your comfort zone. Use assignments from 'The Photographer's Playbook'.

**6** Visit art galleries and museums regularly, especially but not exclusively those showing photography and lens based media. Think critically about what you see.

**7** Explore the photography books in the school library and in Room 1.1.17. Ask your teachers for recommended reading related to your interests and projects.

**8** Spend time in the darkroom practising the craft of black and white analogue photography.

**9** Learn how to use a DSLR (and analogue SLR) in manual mode. Learn about shutter speed, ISO, white balance, aperture, depth of field etc. through trial and error.

**10** Review and refine the evidence you have presented in books and/or online. Hone your design skills and check the accuracy of your writing.