

Year 9 Photography Vocabulary List

(*Tier 2 and Tier 3*)



Arrangement - the composition or collection of visual elements in an artwork.

Camera Settings - are various settings that play a role in several factors, from the blur in a photograph to the colour. Photography settings include exposure, white balance, focus, drive mode, file type, and many more.

Close-up – a picture of a subject taken with the subject close to the camera.

Cropping - is the process of removing or adjusting the edges of an image to improve its framing, composition, or aspect ratio. Cropping can be done to remove unwanted parts of an image, to draw attention to the subject, or to change the size of the image. Cropping can be performed with various tools, such as apps, cameras, phones, or photo editing software.

Digital Manipulation - is the process of digitally editing an image and involves the transformation or alteration of a photograph. It is often referred to as “photoshopping.”

Highlight - the areas on an object where light is hitting the object.

Focus - is the process of adjusting the camera lens to find the maximum resolution, sharpness, and contrast for your chosen subject.

Shutter Speed – a measuring of time the shutter is open, shown in seconds or fractions of a second. Keeping the shutter open for longer or shorter period of time allows the camera to capture the movement of light or to give the appearance that moving objects are frozen.

Rule of Thirds - a compositional technique involving dividing up your image using 2 horizontal and 2 vertical lines. You then position the important elements in your scene along those lines, or at the points where they meet.

Visual Study - is where you explore and experiment with art styles, ideas, concepts, media, techniques or technologies of your choice.