What do you particularly enjoy about studying this subject?

I enjoy the freedom of being able to take your projects in any way you want, having the ability to do lots of different forms and techniques of photography thanks to the facilities in Carmel.

How much work is involved? (hours in lessons / outside of lessons)

There is about 4 hours a week in lessons, and I’d recommend doing about the same outside of lessons if you want your projects to develop and get good grades but put quality over the quantity. College has computers and study areas all over the campus, so it's easy to access your work in frees and after college.

How are you assessed and how regularly?

We are assessed by Kevin, the teacher, informally regularly in talking and discussing how to move projects forward, what to focus on etc. Formally around every half term to see where the progress is in your work with a grade, like in the final assessment.

What support have you received and is support available if you don’t understand something?

Support is always available, if not talking in lessons to teachers then they will always respond to messages on Teams or email. I have received support consistently in photography, being able to express my concerns to Kevin or ask for guidance in my projects. I was hesitant at first to ask for help, but believe me it’s better to ask than struggle!

Have you received careers support and what are your future plans?

I have received career support, there is a one-to-one appointment that can easily be made with the careers advisors who are incredibly open and helpful - especially when it comes to people like myself who don’t know what they want to do in the future. My future plans go as far as going to university to study Philosophy, but I have many options that were presented to me by Jo, from the Careers Team.
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