

Photography A Level

Photography is part of the wider VAPAM (Visual and Performing Arts and Media) Faculty, within this faculty sit all the *creative* subjects and we all work together successfully. We have Instagram accounts where you can update yourself on current work, recommendations and other bits and bobs:

ART: @trcartdept	MEDIA: @trcmediaandfilm
MUSIC: @trc.music.dept	PERFORMING ARTS: @trcperformingarts

Photography is an exciting and creative A Level where you can develop your camera and analogue skills, whilst learning and experimenting with a variety of practical and digital techniques. Have a look at our Instagram to see what kind of work you could create on the course!

Films, courses, websites, podcasts etc that will keep you inspired

Future Learn – Short Courses

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/creative-arts-and-media-courses> – this website has short courses which may be of interest. Availability across all subject areas, typically ranging from 2-6 hours study time per week over a 2-6 week period.

These are great if you want to evidence independent research skills on UCAS personal statements, especially if you are targeting a Russell Group university.



The Open University endorsed by Royal Photographic Society

Digital Photography: Creating a Professional Portfolio

Navigate the fast-moving technological developments in digital photography and build a professional portfolio you're proud of.

1 course 10 weeks Undergraduate

Find out more



BBC iPlayer – Arts Section:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/categories/arts/featured>

There are lots of programs about various arts, search through and have a watch you might find something exciting!

Photography section:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/519Vvkcp8hYNkd19vWlNF/photography>



Fstoppers – YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Fstoppers>

Online community aiming to educate and inspire photographers of all abilities. You can watch videos to learn new skills or to enhance your photography understanding.

Also Top 10 Movies about Photography recommended by Fstoppers: <https://fstoppers.com/originals/top-10-movies-about-photography-everyone-should-watch-272738>

12-Week ONLINE Photography course

<https://www.classcentral.com/course/independent-exposing-digital-photography-8091>

This course explores the artistic aspects, scientific foundations, and techniques of digital photography with the goals of enabling students to expand their knowledge of photography as an art form, to develop a deeper and broader understanding of the scientific basis of photography, to improve their photographic technique, and to effectively use photographic software tools.


Photography Books/Ebooks:

- **How to Create Stunning Digital Photography** by Tony Northrup
- **Annie Leibovitz: Portraits 2005-2016** by Annie Leibovitz
- **The Art of Photography** by Bruce Barnbaum
- **Extraordinary Everyday Photography Awaken Your Vision to Create Stunning Images Wherever You Are** by Brenda Tharp & Jed Manwaring
- **Sketching Light** by Joe McNally
- **Read this if you want to take Great Photographs** by Henry Carroll
- **Learning to See Creatively, 3rd Edition** by Bryan Peterson
- **Vivian Maier: Street Photographer** by Vivian Maier

There are SO many books you can access and buy for yourself, but these are just a select few of our favourite ones!

BBC NEWS: We set the theme, you take the pictures

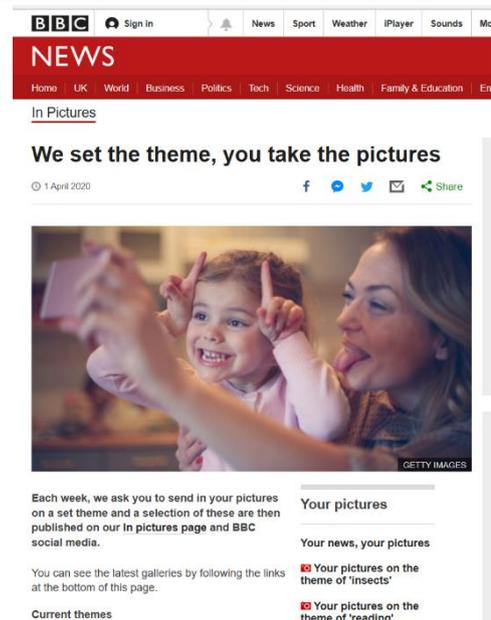
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-10768282>

BBC News team ask you to send in your pictures on a set theme and a selection of these are then published on their In pictures page and BBC social media.

You can see the latest galleries by following the links at the bottom of this page.

Current themes are “working from home” and “view from my window”.

Themes closing on the 10th and 12th May.



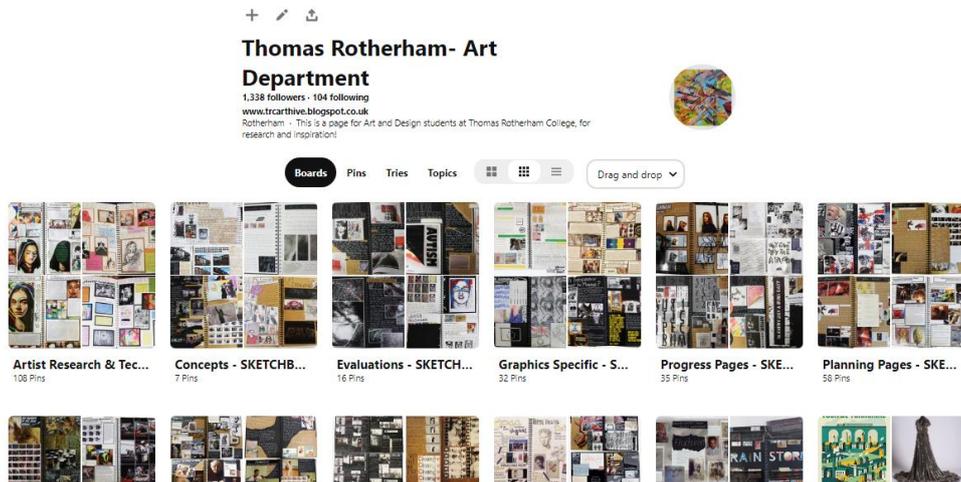
The screenshot shows the BBC News website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, UK, World, Business, Politics, Tech, Science, Health, Family & Education, and Entertainment. Below this is the 'In Pictures' section with the headline 'We set the theme, you take the pictures' dated 1 April 2020. A large photograph shows a woman holding a young child who is pointing upwards. Below the photo, there is a section titled 'Your pictures' which lists current themes: 'insects' and 'reading'. A small text box explains that users can see the latest galleries by following links at the bottom of the page.

Have a look at our PINTEREST account:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/trcartanddesign/boards/>

We have a pretty big following! We use Pinterest for 2 things:

- 1 – Gather visual research from credible artists
- 2 – Gather boards of VISUAL EXAMPLES of work created on OUR courses – these boards are REALLY popular and give you an idea of what kind of work you would make on our course:



Have a look at our YOUTUBE account:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/sarah123712>

There are videos on here explaining assessment, the personal written study (yes there is an essay!), specialist equipment and.....our exhibitions! The Exhibition videos show how our studios are transformed from working classrooms to exhibition spaces for assessment, and you can see lot of the amazing work students have made.

