

Photography Challenges

The Art & Design department at Wakefield College have put together some Photography challenges for you to take part in this year. You can gain 1 Learning Hour for each challenge completed. Just send us your photographs and let us know which challenges you have completed. You can email the evidence to childrensuniversity@wakefield.ac.uk or if you are printing your photographs, you can also post them to Wakefield Children's University, Wakefield College, Thunderhead Ridge, Glasshoughton, WF10 4UA

Please also let us know if we can share the photos on our social media, website and in future publications so we can share with others!

Photography is a popular course at Wakefield College. If you choose this course, you'll learn new skills in both traditional and digital photography. You will study the work of other photographers and artists to develop and explore techniques. You'll have the chance to take photos in a studio, as well as portraits and landscape photography. You can find out more on our website – www.wakefield.ac.uk

To take part in these activities you will need a camera. This could be a digital camera or even a phone camera. You may also need some way of editing your photos. This could be by uploading your photos to a computer and using software such as Photoshop or by using an app such as PicCollage. You may also need some help from family and friends too. Read through the activities for more details on each one but please remember to get your parent/carers permission before using a phone or downloading any apps.

Happy photographing!

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Photo Codebreaker

🔒 Good morning, Codebreakers! You've woken up this morning and you have been told you can't send letters with words! How mean is that? So instead you are going to speak a creative code, it's a bit like Morse code but prettier and more fun! 🔒

Think of a nice message you can share with someone in your family that you might be missing, a neighbour, a friend. Instead of writing them a message or letter you are going to photograph something that starts with the same letter of each letter in your message.

First of all, write down the message so you know what letters you need to find and don't miss any! If your message is long you may have to photograph lots of things so think carefully about what you want to say.

Next, photograph things that have the same first letter, for example a=apple. Be creative, you can make them interesting photographs by playing with light, moving to change the background, get really close, get low down, stand over it etc. 📷💖

Put all the photos together to spell your message, and then send it to your loved one. (You can use apps like PicCollage or old fashioned print and stick)

Don't forget to share them so we can crack your code too. Here's is one done by our photography lecturer:



Cubism Portraiture

Hello artists! Imagine a world with no smooth curves and edges and the world was actually made up of cubes, squares, triangles and rectangles - what would people look like?

In 1907-08 Cubism was created by artists Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque. They looked at the world very differently, from lots of different views and angles and brought the pieces together to create an abstract and fragmented new form. In later years, photographers like David Hockney adapted this style to their medium.

Do some research into Cubism using the artists names above. What do you think of their work? Do you like it? What do you think they are trying to express? Remember, there is no right or wrong answer in art!

Your task is to create a fragmented and abstracted portrait of either yourself, someone in your family or even a toy/teddy. To do this, take lots of pictures from different views and angles and different parts of the face. Print these off and cut them out and stick them together to create a face.

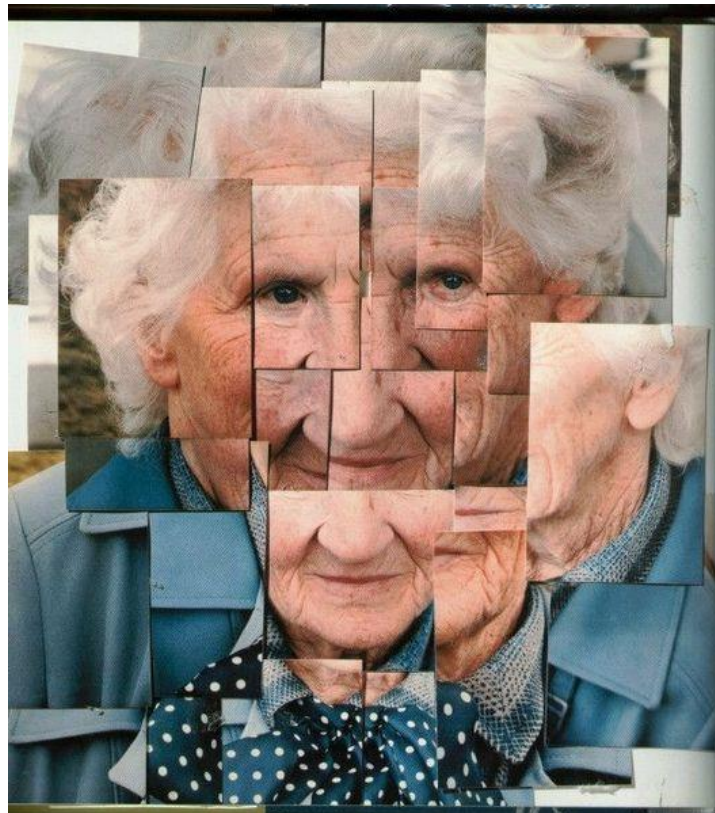
Tips:

- You can just use the photographs as they are or,
- You can edit the photographs, so you have bright coloured parts, black and white parts etc. by changing the tone and contrast.


You can do a full mixed media portrait with each part of the face being a different medium (so the eye is a photograph, nose is painted, the mouth is pencil, another eye drawn in pen, ears are magazine clippings and so on...)

Whatever you chose to do, have fun!

Below is an image created by our photography lecturer, a Pablo Picasso painting and a Hockney photo-collage to give you some ideas.



It's a Bugs Life

So imagine, just for one day that you are a teeny tiny little insect, just a normal little insect going about his/her day, but wait - what's that over there?oh it's a camera  and what fun you can have!

Start your activity by talking about what your insect might look like - are you a spider, an ant, a beetle or a butterfly? Use describing words (adjectives) like beautiful, creepy, marvellous. Think about their personality - are they shy, giddy, constantly giggling? If you want, you can draw your insect and then write underneath a biography about your insect.

Once you know everything about your insect, get your camera and go outside (or inside if you wish) and take some pictures as if you were the insect. Remember a teeny tiny little ant will be really close to the floor so you must get as close as possible to the floor that your insect will be on. But remember some insects crawl up walls, and grass, flowers and trees too ... just like incy winch spider, you may climb up the water spout!

Now you have some pictures, why don't you write a story or tell a story or even write a diary about the day of the insect. You can be really creative.

Have fun!

Here are some photos taken by our photography lecturer as if she were an insect.



Forced Perspective

Have you ever looked up at a really tall building and thought why is it so tiny at the top? That's all to do with perspective. The closer you are to something the bigger it seems, that's why if you look at a tree in the distance you can pinch it between your fingers, but in reality you would need very big hands to do that!

Today you are going to really look at how perspective works and the fun you can have with it!

Your first task is to research perspective either in a book or online. Read about vanishing points and try to create a picture using these. This will give you a good understanding of how perspective works. Also look at forced perspective – you will find lots of photo examples on the internet.

Your next task is to get your camera ready and have fun with perspective! Think about the leaning tower of Pisa and the photos people take which look like they're holding it up – that's what you will try to create today. You just need to have something close to the camera and something further away or you can turn your camera upside to make things look like they're floating. You could pretend a toy is actually a giant and is going to chase your parents, or you could hold a whole tree on your hands, maybe you could capture the sunset. There's lots of ideas you can have fun with.

The skill in this task is patience and you need to keep moving around to get it right. This might even mean laying on the floor.

Take a look at the example photos below for some inspiration. Have fun and don't forget to share your photos with us!





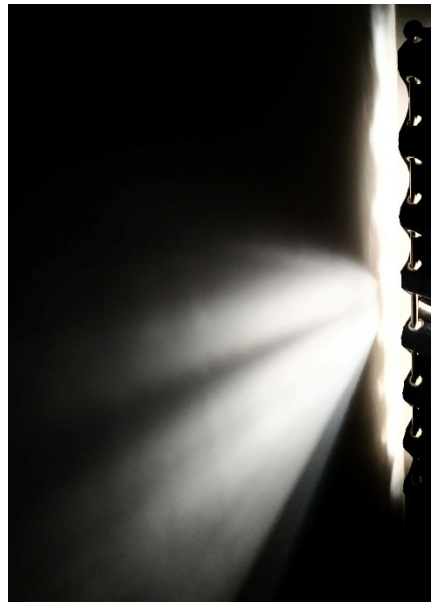
Light

Hello photographers! Like us, you might be completely fascinated by light 🌞💡🔦🚦

Today you are going to find some escaping light. Look around your house, close the curtains and turn off the lights and photograph any light you can see creeping in.

You can also create some escaping light yourself by hiding a torch or coloured lights in places like behind a door, under the bed or out of a toy box.

Have fun and don't forget to share with us!



Rainbow

🌈 'Red and yellow and pink and green, purple and orange and blue' you might be able to sing a rainbow, but can you make one? It seems the rainbows have been assigned as a symbol of hope during this weird time that we are currently in. A simple but fun task for you to try is ... make yourself a photo-collage rainbow. 🌈

All you have to do is photograph as many objects as you can of all the colours of the rainbow. Get as close to the colour as possible so there's not too many colours in each individual picture (you can also cut them down if you print them), print them and stick them together in order. You can do this in an arch shape like a rainbow or just in a gradient pattern like the one below.

Don't forget to share with us! If you want to, put them in your window. 🌈



Wanted!

Howdy partner, you've woken up in the Wild Wild West!

Start your day by researching the wild west - What is a cowboy? Who is the sheriff? Can you think of a film you may have watched with a cowboy or sheriff in? Have you seen a wanted poster before? What do you think these are for?

Choose a person in your house and think about them as a wild west criminal! To take a mugshot, you need to find a blank background in your house. This can be curtains, a bare wall or a carpet. Take a head and shoulders photo, as the photographer you can tell them the face they should pull! If you have software on your device to turn the photo black and white or even sepia then do so, it will be more authentic. If you can print it then do that, you will need it for later.

Then you need to think about these things: What is their bad guy name? Use an adjective like sneaky, stinky, naughty. Think of three things that they would be wanted for, why are they naughty? Have they not been social distancing? Did they forget to put the toilet seat down? Do they say naughty words? Then think of three things that they might do if you try to catch them! Finally, you need to decide how much you need to capture your bad guy, choose a reward amount!

To make your wanted poster you could tea stain some A4 paper. Use the layout below or create your own. If you can't print your picture you could photograph it and add it digitally in an app like PicCollage or you could draw the bad guy.

Last but not least, let the sheriff (you) catch the criminal and have some fun!

WANTED!

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DOUGIE 'STINKY' STANLEY

WANTED FOR:

- Keeping mummy awake in the night
- Going through nappies when they're on ration!
- Being exceptionally CUTE!

APPROACH WITH CAUTION

Dougie is known to give cuddles and kisses.

Use super power of epic dancing to dance monkey.

Will lure you into false sense of security with his smile!

REWARD - £100,000 (every day this will reduce by £1000)

What is it?

Hello budding photographers 📷 today you have a mission, you MUST trick everyone in your household! Today you are going to do some abstract photography!

Have a look online and find out what abstract means.

There are things around you in your house and garden that if you saw a picture of it you would know it was that straight away. Your challenge is to make a quiz with five photographs of everyday objects, but it must be really hard to tell what it is, this is abstract photography! You must get as close as possible (whilst keeping the picture still in focus) and take a picture. You might need to take a few to get the most interesting shot! You can crop the picture on your device if you need to make it even harder for your family to guess what it is.

You can then do some research on every item and find out a new interesting fact, this can be your clue!

When you have your pictures and your clues it's time to quiz your family - who is the brainiac? Who has an eye for detail? Do they know another interesting fact about the object?

Once you have quizzed everyone, add up their scores and reveal the winner!!! 🏆

Share your quiz with us and see if we can guess the items!

Here are the photos and clues from our photography lecturer:

Photo one: I go green, then yellow, and then black.

Photo two: I come from the Punjab region of Pakistan.

Photo three: My scientific name is a Narcissus





