NCD A Level Photography

What you need to complete for your portfolio submission.

Overall Summary

For your portfolio you should complete a mini-project that shows your photography skills.

Your portfolio will consist of 3 parts:

1. **Research:** *this might include visual moodboards, mind maps of ideas, artist research and analysis.*

2. **Develop:** *this will require you to take inspiration from your research to come up with ideas for your own practical responses in the form of drawings, designs, photographs etc.*

3. **Make:** *you will then be asked to create a set of practical work in response to your ideas. This might be a photoshoot, a series of drawings, or hand made designs.*

Use Google Slides or Powerpoint to present your work.

More detail about the tasks and guidance is available on the next 4 slides.

Your portfolio should be emailed as photos or a PDF to vatech@ncdoncaster.ac.uk - Deadline(s) listed on slide 6

Research

Produce a **mood board of at least 10 photographs** that have inspired your own photography. **Write a short paragraph** explaining how they have inspired your work and what ideas they have given you.

Analyse a landscape photograph by David Noton or a portrait photograph by Mario Testino. **Describe** the image, **identify** the focal point and **give your opinion** of the shot. Why do you think it is successful?

Develop

Create a **mind map of ideas** for your own photoshoot. This should be either a landscape or portrait shoot.

Include: What you will shoot? **Where** (location)? **When** (is time of day relevant)? **How** (what equipment, props, models will you need)? Be specific.

Take inspiration for poses, composition, angles, backgrounds, colours etc from your moodboard.

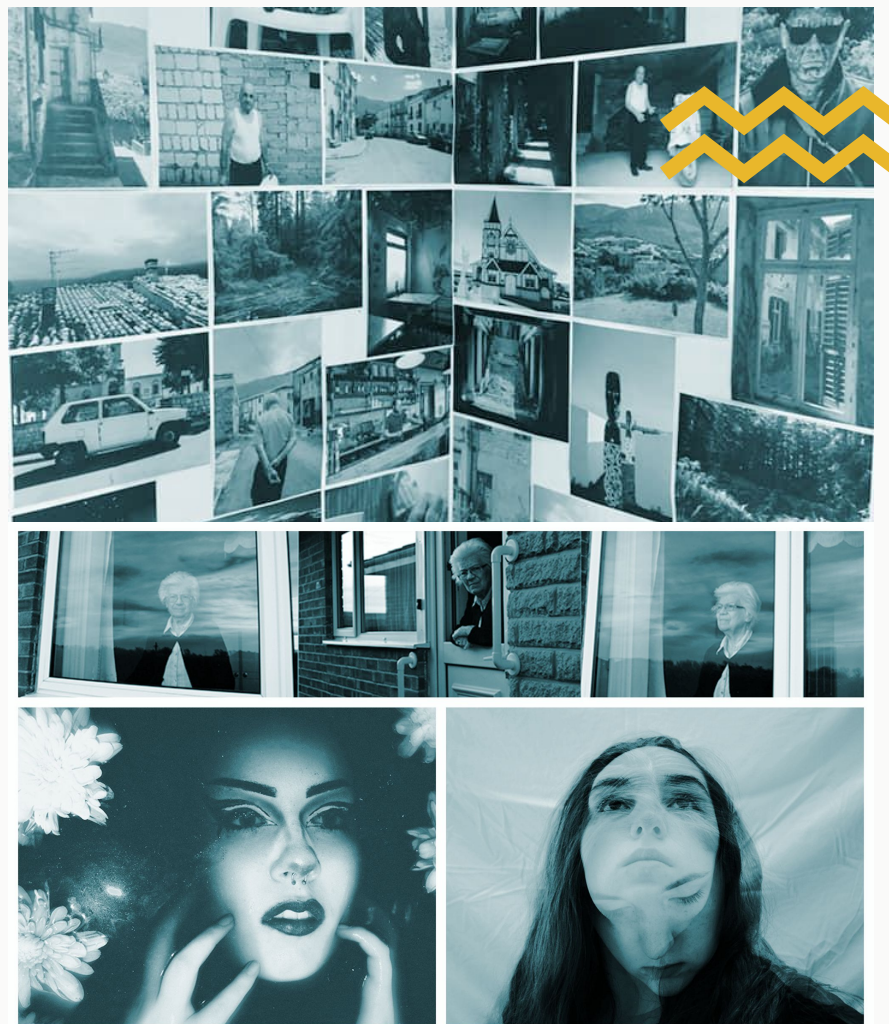**Highlight** which ideas you want to try in your own shoot.

Make

Take at least 36 shots inspired by your moodboard and mind map. This could be with a camera or phone.

Present these on your slides, no more than 6 shots per slide.

Choose your 3 best shots, put these on a slide together and explain why you think these shots are your most successful.

Challenge:
Edit 6 of your shots using the free app Snapseed or other photo editing apps or websites. Present these 6 edits on your slides.

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Save your document as a pdf.

In Google slides you can do this by choosing File > Download > PDF document (.pdf).

In Powerpoint you can do this by choosing File > Export > PDF

Email your pdf to vatech@ncdoncaster.ac.uk

Make sure you include your **full name and the course you are applying for** in your email.

For students who have been interviewed between our first interview evening (5th November 2025) and our fourth interview evening (11th March 2025) the deadline for portfolio submission is **Friday 23rd May 2025**. For students who have been interviewed on our fifth interview evening (5th June 2025) the deadline for portfolio submission is **Friday 27th of June**. No portfolio submissions will be accepted after the dates specified above.