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.

Portfolios will be reviewed by subject staff and you will then receive an email saying whether it has been accepted.

For applicants who have been interviewed between our first interview evening (4th November 2025) and our third interview evening (10th March 2026) the deadline for portfolio submission is Friday 22nd May 2026.

For applicants who have been interviewed on our fourth or fifth interview evenings (28th April and 2nd June 2026) the deadline for portfolio submission is Friday 3rd July 2026.

Any portfolio submissions after this date will not be accepted. Any late applicants to visual arts courses should bring their completed portfolio to their enrolment day interview, where a member of the visual arts staff will review it for course suitability.