



Thank you for your application to study A Levels at our amazing High Pavement Sixth Form Centre, part of Nottingham College.

We're excited to be welcoming you to Nottingham College this September. Soon you'll be receiving your invitation to one of our enrolment events so that you can secure your place with us. This invitation should be with you early in August.

To help you prepare for A Levels at Nottingham College we have produced some materials and other resources for you. These are for your benefit so please do your best to look through the information relevant to the courses you have applied for. We hope you find them useful in preparing for A Level study. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

TASKS, RESOURCES AND RESEARCH

Two years of exploration, play and creative learning await you on this course and we hope you will find it, in equal parts, enriching, engaging and challenging. It will begin to show you just how wide and diverse the world of photography is, and how many facets and depths it has. You will end up fully photo literate, being able to 'read' a photograph as well as getting to know just what that mysterious setting buried deep in your camera menu does!

If you want to get a head start, I would highly recommend the book 'Read This If You Want To Take Great Photographs' by Henry Carroll.

[Click here to see the link](#)

And of course, please take lots of photographs (whether that's your phone camera, compact camera or a DSLR), every day if possible before starting the course in September. Practice makes perfect, as the old saying goes.

You can also start this project immediately, no need to hang about!

Bring the finished thing in (or upload it, you can turn your work into a blog or website) on the first week of term. It's an excellent way for you to show me what you can do, I can't wait to see the individual responses you create.

LEVEL UP for Photography

Photography can be provocative, heart-warming, challenging and eye-opening. This course is for you if you want to understand how to use a camera to capture a shot or a scene perfectly in different conditions. You'll be a creative person, who enjoys experimenting with new techniques and styles.

This course has an experimental and practical approach designed to build on your existing skills. Working in our industry standard IT suites, you'll be using the most up-to-date packages to enhance and develop your photographs. Getting you into focus for your career, which is just a click away!

Topics you'll cover and skills you'll develop include the history of photography, photographic theory, darkroom skills, digital photography, photoshop and more.



A career in Photography

Photography is an artistic course that can unlock higher level study at university in a whole range of areas including photography, art and design, graphic design, media, fine art or perhaps fashion.

Career opportunities obviously include professional photography but can also include:

- graphic designer
- artist
- theatre and live event production and management
- videographer/photographer
- director/producer in TV and Film

And much more within the creative industries which is a fast growing industry not just in the UK but globally too.



More about studying at High Pavement

Taking care of you

Our Student Wellbeing team run activities, sessions and programmes to support your wellbeing. They also organise trips, host events and encourage you to get involved in a whole range of activities and movements in College and nationally. So, if you're passionate about the environment, why not join the Green Society, and if you want to champion LGBTQ rights, join our LGBTQ society. If you want to suggest setting something up, we're up for that too!

Who do you talk to?

Your Personal Tutor: if you need help with your course let them know right away.

Achievement Coach: if you are worried about things outside your course and you need to speak to someone, they'll be able to help you. If they can't resolve the issue, they will put you in touch with someone who can.

Careers Adviser: they can help you get advice and information about your next steps, plus work and training options. They can also access a range of support to develop the skills you need to progress to university, and ultimately into employment.

Specialist UCAS Advisers: they are at High Pavement to help with choosing your options, completing your UCAS application, and preparing for interviews. This can be particularly useful in preparing for Oxbridge, or those more difficult to access application processes, such as for medicine and veterinary science.

Student Services: if you need to talk to someone confidentially to discuss money or get some health advice, they are here for you.

Sports and activities

Love sport? You could take part in sports clubs and inter-college competitions. If you want to relax, we host stress-busting sessions to help you with your studies. We also have a wide range of sports on offer for beginners, plus activities such as British Sign Language and driving theory skills. Our specialist sports academies offer dedicated training in different sports, with the opportunity to gain coaching qualifications alongside your studies. You could even be in with the chance to apply for USA university sports scholarships. Find out more on our website.