**What Makes an Outstanding Personal Investigation?**

**In-depth mind map of ideas -** include: key themes, type of Photographer, methods they have used, linking Photographers. ***Why*** do you want to look at this Photographer? Explain, show…

**A visual mind map -** a mood board. What do you want to look at, do, copy, explore?

**Background of Photographer -** What inspired them? What techniques used (in detail)? Key themes? Where did they exhibit? Why? Beliefs? Use the prompt sheets given to you from your teacher.

**Good Photographer’s images -** Images of their work that **INSPIRE YOU**. Only put in photography that you would not mind replicating. Discuss composition, equipment, mood, style, lighting, why you like it- be specific, in depth. Use the prompt sheets given to you from your teacher.

**Note-taking as you go -** Brain storm ideas, camera setting, new equipment, concept.

**Making links -** What Photographers are linked with them? Same techniques. Location, movement etc.

**Visit the work in life -** Photograph the gallery/ studio space. Record your interview or make notes.

**Where are you going to take this research? -** What do you want to make/ create/ learn? Plan it, draw it, describe it with a selection of photos. Describe it with test shots. Use the prompt sheet given to you from your teacher in your green booklet.

**Explore techniques -** Try as many different techniques/ mediums associated with the Photographer as you can and other ones you like as well.

**Working in the style of the Photographer -** Be as authentic as you can. Make notes about how you found this experience. What did you discover? What bits did you like/ not like? Why? Who else has worked in this way?

**Presentation -** Present it in a way that suits the type of work you will be doing. Written work must make sense. Re-read and adjust if necessary. The layout of each page must be clear, correctly labelled.

**Ask for help -** Teachers are not psychic. Make it clear what your needs are so we can help you in the best way we can.

**Ask questions -** You might learn better verbally rather than form the computer. Ask, talk, pester, make notes.

Good luck 😊