

Key Stage Four Curriculum: Graphic Communications

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 10	<p>Students will be introduced to the course via a series of creative tasks that aim to encourage students to think creatively, understand the importance of being a proactive and independent student and explore their own personal tastes and interests.</p> <p>Students will begin to understand how to use research as an effective tool to enhance their ability to produce original and inventive outcomes. Students will begin to take influence from their research through a series of student led tasks. Students will also understand the importance of effective presentation skills.</p>	<p>Students will begin their first major project, an extended piece of Graphics study in which they will explore and experiment with a range of media, taking influence from a selection of artists and visual research. Students will be responding to a specific topic/theme, which will influence their own original outcomes.</p>	<p>Students will produce a final response to major project one that showcases their strengths, interests and creative understanding.</p> <p>Following on from the first major project, students will be introduced to more advanced and technical processes and techniques, in order to develop their artistic abilities further. This will lead onto the introduction of the mock exam before the summer break, students will be expected to use this time to prepare to start the mock in September.</p>
Year 11	<p>Students will complete a 'Mock Exam' with preparation time of around nine weeks culminating in 5 hours of unaided practice in exam conditions.</p> <p>Extracurricular advanced skills workshops will be offered to those wanting to broaden their skillset.</p> <p>Once the mock exam is completed, students will have the opportunity to refine their portfolio ready for submission.</p>	<p>Exam</p> <p>Students will undertake the Externally Set Task (exam) that makes up 40% of their overall grade. Students will have around ten weeks to prepare, experiment and seek guidance from their teacher before completing ten hours of unaided practice and creating a final outcome.</p>	<p>Marking</p> <p>All coursework will be submitted for marking and moderation.</p>

