

**Design Technology
Graphic Products Year 11
Old Specification
Examination Board AQA**

<p>When coursework is set:</p> <p>Coursework is currently being produced by the students.</p>	<p>When is coursework due (including draft and final copies)?</p> <p>In September the students should be ready to commence 'Development and making' of their chosen design. This involves attempting to make the product, evaluating and then revising the method of making – to improve it.</p>
<p>How many pieces of coursework in total?</p> <p>The coursework project is a major project and will take several months to complete.</p>	<p>In class or completed at home?</p> <p>All the work has to be produced in the classroom whilst under supervision of the teacher. It is possible for some parts of the work to be completed at home as homework, but the teacher does need to be completely sure the student has done the work</p>
<p>Brief description of coursework: (task, length and expectations)</p> <p>This is a very large project and will take several months to complete. There are many separate parts to the project and each section has its own criteria for marking.</p> <p>The teacher will continuously advise the students on their current marks. Full marks are obtainable by completing all parts of the project to the highest possible standards.</p>	<p>What parents can do to help/support:</p> <p>Small homework tasks are set which are essential to increase the students' knowledge and understanding of the subject. They are regarded as essential as the student may be asked such questions in the examinations. Parents can make sure that all homeworks are completed. Parents should also ensure that any deadlines which are given must be adhered to. The use of a computer is essential and the use of 'Learning Point' is regarded as a great benefit to the students.</p>
<p>Percentage of coursework as part of final GCSE.</p> <p>The coursework is worth 60% of the total GCSE marks. The remaining 40% is for the examination. There will be only one examination and will be 2 hours long.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There 2 tiers of entry. Foundation and Higher The decision for which tier of entry is determined by the subject teacher and is based upon the students coursework performance, subject knowledge and ability. Performance in mock examinations is also used to determine which tier of entry.</p>	<p>What students need to be able to complete coursework; (resources/books/tools etc).</p> <p>All the students will need access to a computer, at home or at school. Specialist software can be accessed at home via 'Learning Point'. The students are required to purchase a carrying portfolio A3 size (the teacher will advise), and an A3 plastic presentation file, again the teacher will advise. Some students use the opportunity to produce parts of the project using cameras. The college and the department have very limited photographic resources. Dependent upon what the student decides to make they may have to purchase specialist glues and cards.</p>

<p>Are there any revision guides recommended, and where can I buy them?</p> <p>The Technology Department has a supply of subject specialist revision guides for sale to the students.</p> <p>A revision guide is not a guarantee and the students are expected to read and study aspects of their chosen technology subject to increase their knowledge and understanding.</p>	<p>Where can I get extra information?</p> <p>The coursework marking criteria is available in the coursework guide which has been produced by the teacher ready for the coursework projects.</p> <p>For further information about the examination and the coursework, go to www.aqa.org.uk</p>
<p>Other information</p> <p>To achieve a high grade requires a considerable amount of work by the student. The department facilities are available during lunch break and regularly after school.</p> <p>Students have 'continuous homework' to complete their projects to the required standard and deadline.</p>	