

GCSE Graphics FAQ

What is the difference between Art and Design GRAPHICS and Art and Design FINE ART?

In Graphics lessons the work you produce will be influenced by a design brief. You will develop creative ideas based around this brief. Graphic design students make art that is commercial (to advertise or inform), whereas fine art students often make art for personal expression.

What is the Course Structure/Projects?

Project titles:

In Year 10:

- Introductory project Exploring Text and Image
- Disguise

In Year 11:

- Zoo
- Exam unit

Course structure:

Coursework 60% final grade.

Practical Exam 40% final grade *(This is not a written exam, you will make an outcome within the exam time based on a brief given by the exam board)*

How much Independent Study is expected?

It's really important for students opting for Graphics to be prepared to complete work from lessons as part of independent study in addition to specific independent study tasks. We would expect students to complete approximately two hours IS each week.

Will I get to work on the computers?

The work produced in Graphics is not just digital. Please don't expect to sit on a computer every lesson. We try to broaden students' skill base by exploring illustration, collage, mixed media, photography and sublimation printing alongside digital design

Do I need to have Photoshop on my computer at home?

Photoshop at home is not essential. Photoshop is available to all Graphics students during lesson time. We also offer catch up sessions outside of lesson time if students need to access specific subject specific equipment or software.

What equipment is available to me?

PCs with Adobe Creative Suite software, Sublimation printing (heat transfer printing), Large scale printer. T-shirts, mugs, merchandise for printing onto, A4/A3 colour printer.

Are there any trips?

We aim to run at least one trip for Graphics students during the GCSE course of study.

What do Graphics students do after the GCSE course?

Most students that have studied GCSE Graphics continue onto the A Level course. Some leave school to pursue apprenticeships in design or to attend a design course at college.

For any questions not answered here, please contact Mrs Clark, Head of Graphics:
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