

# HIGHER GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

<p><b>Which topics are covered at Higher?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ replicating familiar and some new graphic forms with some complex features in 2D, 3D and pictorial views</li> <li>◆ applying recognised graphic communication standards, protocols and conventions in straightforward but unfamiliar contexts</li> <li>◆ initiating, planning and producing preliminary, production, promotional, and informational graphics in both familiar and new contexts, with some complex features</li> <li>◆ applying graphic design skills, including creativity, when developing solutions to graphic tasks with some complex features</li> <li>◆ critically reviewing graphics work as it progresses, and evaluating completed tasks suggesting strategies for improvement</li> <li>◆ extending graphic spatial awareness in unfamiliar 2D, 3D and pictorial graphic situations including those with complex features</li> <li>◆ selecting, managing and using graphic communication equipment, software and materials effectively across tasks</li> <li>◆ understanding a broad range of computer-aided graphic techniques including commercial/industrial practice</li> </ul>	<p><b>What apps and websites can I use to support my learning?</b></p> <p><a href="https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/">https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/</a>  <a href="https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/shop/graphic-communications">https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/shop/graphic-communications</a>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z276yrd">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z276yrd</a>  <a href="https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm">https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm</a>  <a href="https://www.technologystudent.com/">https://www.technologystudent.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.designclass.co.uk/">https://www.designclass.co.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Are there important dates of which I should be aware?</b></p> <p>Oct – Moderation period 1          Dec – Moderation period 2          Jan – March - Assignment <b>(36% of final grade)</b>          May – Final exam <b>(64% of final grade)</b></p>
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**How is the course assessed?**

COMPONENT	DETAILS	LENGTH	MARKS	%
<b>FINAL EXAM</b> Question paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Computer-aided design techniques Interpretation of graphic items</li> <li>◆ Digital technology in graphic communication</li> <li>◆ Drawing standards, protocols and conventions</li> <li>◆ Desktop-publishing features, design elements and principles</li> </ul>	2 hours and 30 minutes	90 marks	64
<b>Design assignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Preliminary graphics</li> <li>◆ Production graphics</li> <li>◆ Promotional graphics</li> </ul>	8 hours (exam conditions in classroom)	50 marks	36

<p><b>What resources do I need?</b></p> <p><b>Resources from lessons</b> (One Note and Teams)  <b>Login details</b> to essential websites (above)</p>	<p><b>What else can I do to improve?</b></p> <p>Use the apps and websites above regularly          Go over work covered in class          Watch any videos of teachers explanations again and ask for help if you do not understand          Use the Design class resources provided to build all skills          Utilise all of your time available in classroom to build CAD &amp; DTP skills          Attend department during lunch time to build CAD &amp; DTP skills          Use the past papers to help establish areas needing further revision.</p>
<p><b>Where can I find more information about the writing exam and assignment?</b></p> <p>The SQA Understanding Standards provides exemplars and grades awarded.  <a href="https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/">https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/</a></p>	<p><b>How do I ensure top marks?</b></p> <p>Set yourself an aspirational target grade and detail exactly what you're going to do to achieve this and keep referring to this          Keep up-to-date with your portfolio and homework          Work consistently throughout the year          Utilise the extra sessions put on in department during lunch and after school</p>
<p><b>Where do I find the past papers?</b></p> <p>These are on One Note but you will also find past papers back to 2018 on the SQA site.  <a href="https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm">https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm</a></p>	
<p><b>Where do I find more information about the course?</b></p> <p><a href="#">HigherCourseSpecDesignAndManufacture.pdf (sqa.org.uk)</a></p>	

