N5 GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Which topics are covered at N5?

♦ skills in graphic communication techniques, including the use of equipment, graphics materials and software

♦ the ability to extend and apply knowledge and understanding of graphic communication standards, protocols and conventions

♦ an understanding of the impact of graphic communication technologies on our environment and society

What apps and websites can I use to support my learning?
https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/
https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/shop/graphic-communications
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z276yrd
https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm
https://www.technologystudent.com/
https://www.designclass.co.uk/

Are there important dates of which I should be aware?
Oct – Moderation period 1
Dec – Moderation period 2
Jan – March - Assignment **(33% of final grade)**
May – Final exam **(67% of final grade)**

How is the course assessed?

COMPONENT	DETAILS	LENGTH	MARKS	%
FINAL EXAM Question paper	♦ Computer-aided design techniques Interpretation of graphic items ♦ Digital technology in graphic communication ♦ Drawing standards, protocols and conventions ♦ Desktop-publishing features, design elements and principles	2 hours	80 marks	67
Design assignment	♦ Preliminary graphics ♦ Production graphics ♦ Promotional graphics	8 hours (exam conditions in classroom)	40 marks	33

What resources do I need?
Resources from lessons (One Note and Teams)
Login details to essential websites (above)

Where can I find more information about the writing exam and assignment?
The SQA Understanding Standards provides exemplars and grades awarded.
https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/

Where do I find the past papers?
These are on One Note but you will also find past papers back to 2018 on the SQA site.
https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm

Where do I find more information about the course?
HigherCourseSpecDesignAndManufacture.pdf (sqa.org.uk)

What else can I do to improve?
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 & DTP skills
Attend department during lunch time to build CAD & DTP skills
Use the past papers to help establish areas needing further revision.

How do I ensure top marks?
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