

## **Graphic Communication FAQ**

### **Will I be making all the time?**

Everything that we do counts towards the final grade, so we are always exploring and experimenting with different skills. We work on a three portfolios through the course and everything that is in them is assessed. You will be spending your time developing the skills on programs such as Photoshop as well as hand skills to explore, communicate and realise your final outcomes.

### **Is there an exam?**

There is no written exam, but we complete two portfolio projects, plus a final project set by the exam board. Each project finishes with a 10 hour practical time, split over two day to create the final outcomes.

### **Will I have to spend a lot of time outside of lesson to complete the work?**

There is an increased expectation that students will need to spend more time through the course on homework to ensure that the experimentations and portfolios are complete to the best of your abilities. Ongoing research and experimentation work will be carried out at home

### **Will I have to buy anything?**

You will not need to purchase the computer programs that we use to create much of your outcomes. You will need to have materials to allow you to experiment with ideas and media at home. If you have a good quality SLR camera that is great, but with this Graphics the quality of your phones camera will be fine.

### **What equipment will I need?**

Basic art materials, which can be purchased as part of the kit you can buy from the school.

### **Do I need to be good at drawing?**

In graphics we need to communicate ideas, it is more important that you are creative than if you can draw realistic life drawings. Of course, being able to will make a difference. Being creative is different from being able to draw life like copies of things and as we can develop skills and explore other media it allows you to work to your strengths.

### **What kind of things will I be doing?**

- You will be spending the first term in year 10 looking at developing skills looking at typography and image manipulation. This is a chance for you to explore new things and
- From the Christmas of year 10 to May half term will be spent on developing the first of the portfolio projects.
- May half term through to December of year 11 is the second of the portfolio project
- January to March year 11 is the final project which is set by the exam board.