



Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum and Option Subjects

Graphic Products

All students will follow the AQA GCSE specification in graphic products. They will begin the course in Year 9 and will take three years to complete the qualification.

'Graphic products' is a practical subject area which requires the application of knowledge and understanding when developing ideas and planning. Skills are then put into practice when producing products and evaluating their suitability.

The course allows students to develop many skills which will benefit them, both in other areas of the curriculum and in their future.

AQA- GCSE Level.

This is a GCSE qualification in which students will learn and be examined on the following:

- graphical drawing skills,
- Computer Aided Design (CAD),
- Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM)
- how to select and use appropriate tools.
- Issues of sustainability and the environment when designing products.

The specification is designed to provide a full range of practical and theoretical skills used in everyday working environments.

Course Content

Unit 1 is a 2 hour written exam paper.

- A total of 120 marks which equates to 40% of the total GCSE qualification.

Unit 2 is the Design and Making Practice.

- A total of 90 marks which equates to 60% of the total GCSE qualification.

Assessment

The coursework element is internally assessed prior to moderation by the AQA examination board. The overall grade awarded is aggregated using a combination of coursework and examination marks.

Progression

The course offers progression to A-Level 3D Product Design, followed by university or employment in a range of areas such as architecture, designing, graphic design and civil engineering.

