

Curriculum information for Graphics Year 11

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA Design & Technology 9-1 (Specialism Paper & Boards)
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	For most of the year students focus on completing the NEA task set by the exam board. This is worth 50% of their final grade. They must produce a portfolio of work, including research, designing and evaluations. Students are also expected to make a working prototype showing the skills that they have learnt during the last three years. Once the coursework is completed, we then focus on revising for the written exam in the summer term. Students will need to recall the information that they learnt during Year 9 and 10. Further to this, lessons will be planned for students to individualise their revision and focus on areas that they do not feel confident in.
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	During the school year students will sit a pre-public exam in the first term and their final written exam in the summer term. This exam is split into three sections, Core technical principles, specialist technical principles (paper & boards) and design and making principles. The written exam is worth 50% of their final grade.
What should students be focusing on?	While completing the coursework, students should ensure that they are using the skills and knowledge that they have learnt in the last two years. They should use the deadline checklist and help booklet to ensure that they achieve maximum marks.
What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?	Encourage your son/daughter to watch videos or use the websites below when they are completing homework, coursework, or revision. Attend the curriculum/parents' evenings during the year to gain a better understanding of your son/daughter's progress. Check Teams, as it is updated with key information weekly.
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	Buy a Design & Technology – Paper & Boards Pack on Parent Pay Shop. This includes a revision guide, stationery, and pencil case that they can use during lessons, for their coursework and during their exam. The pack also includes all of the folders that they will need for their classwork, revision and coursework. http://www.technologystudent.com/ - covers all of the key knowledge needed for the exam and there is also guidance for the students when completing their coursework. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm - a fantastic resource that is tailored to the exam boards specification. Here you can revise the key information, watch videos to motivate students and there are quick tests at the end to ensure that the information has been understood. GCSE Design & Technology (Pocket Poster App) – this is a free app that has many posters that condenses the information to easy and memorable chunks. This is perfect for visual learners.
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	Keep up to date with your coursework and make sure that you write in detail. Continue to revise after you have finished your theory work, as it is easy to forget if you are not revising regularly.