

Higher Graphic Communication

Award Received

Through taking this subject you will work towards a Higher qualification in Graphic Communication. This qualification is graded at A-D.

Entry Level: What do I need to do it?

Ideally you will have successfully completed National 5 Graphic Communication, however pupils who have previously worked within the department will be considered. Any pupil with a qualification or skills in Design and Manufacture or Art and Design may be well suited to the subject.

Course Content: What will I learn?

In addition to having further developed the skills required at National 5 you will gain a solid understanding of :

- detailed production drawing conventions
- techniques to create complex assembly drawings
- practices behind commercial graphic design
- technologies behind commercial printing methods

Teaching Methods: What will I do?

The qualification is largely learner-centred and includes practical and experiential learning opportunities. Because the world of graphic communication covers such a wide variety of styles and modes of communication, there is a broad scope for personalisation and choice within the Course for each learner.

A broad overview of the mandatory subject skills, knowledge and understanding that will be assessed in the Course is given in this section. These include:

- initiating, planning and producing preliminary, production, promotional, and informational graphics in both familiar and new contexts
- applying graphic design skills, including creativity, when developing solutions to graphics tasks with some complex features
- critically reviewing graphics work as it progresses and evaluating completed task work suggesting strategies for improvement

- extending graphic spatial awareness in unfamiliar 2D, 3D and pictorial graphic situations including those with complex features
- understanding a broad range of computer-aided graphics techniques including commercial/industrial practice

Assessment: How will I be assessed?

You will sit an Assignment and an Exam. The Assignment is worth 50 marks, and the Exam is worth 90 marks.

The assignment will be completed in class before the Easter holiday. It is set by the SQA and lets you prove your ability to create Preliminary, Production, and Promotional graphics.

The 2 and a half hour exam will assess your ability interpret drawings, and your knowledge of different graphic types, as well as their benefits and uses.

Homework

There will be homework given out at regular intervals. Homework can be to practice graphic techniques, research or to write up evaluations/analyses of graphic items.

Progression in the Senior Phase

There are various progression opportunities including:

- National 4/5 in other CDT subjects.
- Related Courses in Further Education, such as Graphic Design
- Training and employment

Please note that not all subject levels are available each year. For more information, please speak to either Mr Martin or Mr Meldrum