

GCSE: Graphic Communication Curriculum Overview

Year 11

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2
Qualification	GCSE Art and Design (Graphic Communication)			
Exam Board	AQA			
	Component 1: 60% (Internally set tasks)		Component 2: 40% (Externally set task)	
Unit(s)	Unit 2: (Continued)	Unit 1: (Continued)	Externally Set Task (10-hour supervised exam (plus preparatory work))	
Unit Summary			The Externally Set Task requires students to respond to a theme provided by AQA. This involves developing a personal, creative response over several weeks, culminating in a 10-hour exam. Students must research, experiment with techniques, and plan their final piece based on the chosen theme.	
Unit Objectives			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond creatively to the externally set theme Develop ideas through research and experimentation Plan and execute a final piece in a 10-hour exam Demonstrate technical skills and creativity Reflect critically on the final piece and process 	
Acquired Knowledge/ Skills			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and idea development Experimentation with different media Effective planning and time management Technical drawing, painting, and sculpture skills Critical reflection and evaluation of own work 	

Assessments	GCSE AQA Art is assessed through two components: Component 1 (Portfolio), which accounts for 60%, involves coursework including research, development, and final pieces. Component 2 (Externally Set Task), worth 40%, includes a 10-hour practical exam based on an externally set theme. Both are assessed for skills, creativity, and analysis.		
Other Links (e.g. SMSC, FBV, Greener Curriculum)			<p>Greener Curriculum: Sustainability in material use and thematic exploration.</p> <p>Fundamental British Values: Creativity, respect for others' ideas, and individual expression.</p> <p>Pride in the Solent: Reflecting local landscapes and culture.</p> <p>UNCRC: Right to express ideas and be heard through artistic expression.</p>