

TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD DURING PPE's:

- Check homework is being completed. Tasks relating to the preparatory work that your child needs to complete will be posted on Google Classroom.
- Students will need access to the internet and a laptop to complete preparation tasks.
- Students will be asked to make drawings and create designs, so having access to drawing equipment and coloured pencils will be helpful.
- Students will be asked to take photographs, helping your child organise a local trip to take photographs will be important.
- Students may need support with emailing work to their school email.
- Encourage attendance after school – Tuesdays 3 – 4.30 pm – Staff will be available to work with students.
- Make sure your child attends the 10-hour exam the PPE on 19th and 20th March 2024. It sounds like a long time and yes, the 2 days are long but they go quickly!

*Students will be welcome to use facilities and resources at lunchtime or after school if any of the above are not easily accessible. Just arrange with the class teacher.

YEAR 11

COMPONENT 2

EXTERNALLY SET ASSIGNMENT 40%

Component 2 is worth 40% of the final GCSE grade. Both the body of preparation work and the final pieces completed under exam conditions contribute to this mark.

TOTAL TIME

January 1st - End of April (Year 11)

Preparation Work - *9 weeks

10 hours final exam (over 2 days)

Component 2 Externally Set Assignment:

Students will be given the externally set exam paper on or as close to January 1st of Year 11.

They will choose one of seven themes to respond to.

Students will have 9 weeks to produce a body of work that responds to their chosen exam theme.

This must be completed and submitted to the class teacher before the start of the exam.

Their preparation work must record: research, analysis and responses to designer's work, development and refinement of ideas that plan a final piece to be completed during the 10-hour exam.

AQA GCSE GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

YEAR 10

COMPONENT 1: NEA PORTFOLIO 60%

Component 1 is worth 60% of the final GCSE grade.

COMPONENT 1: NEA PORTFOLIO:

Students must submit a body of work (portfolio) produced over years 10 and 11. Their portfolio should contain a minimum of 2 sustained design brief led projects. Each project will contain:

- Recording of ideas through drawing and photography
- Research, written analysis and responses to designer's work
- Development and recording of ideas through exploration of media and Adobe Illustrator
- Final graphic outcomes produced in Adobe Illustrator.

COMPONENT 1: TOTAL TIME

Sept Year 10 – End of Dec Year 11

lessons – Homework – After school club

Year 10 PPE EXAM – June

The PPE exam will be based on a section of the second NEA project – Magazine. Students will have around 8* weeks to explore and develop their ideas in class and through related homework tasks. The exam project will culminate in the production of 2-3 final pieces produced in 10 hours under exam conditions. **This body of work will also be entered as part of each student's NEA submission worth 60% of their final GCSE grade.**

Year 10 PPE PREPARATION

As this is a practical exam the best preparation is not revision of knowledge but including **time** on a revision timetable to complete preparation work that helps a student to develop and explore their ideas. The ideas a student develops should help them decide what final pieces they will produce during the 10-hour exam.

Homework tasks will be set that involve completing preparation work. These tasks can be done at home or at the after-school graphics club – Tuesdays 3 – 4.00pm. Students will have access to Adobe Illustrator, art materials and teacher guidance.

Please encourage your child to attend.

All preparation work is marked alongside the final pieces and is worth a substantial amount of marks.