

# Welcome to Year 10 Graphic Design

In year 11 Graphics you will develop and refine your coursework portfolios into 2 solid projects which are reflective of all the assessment objectives. There will be a practical exam at the end of Year 11.

## **ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK**

At the start of the course you will be assigned a base target and throughout the course you will be assessed according to that base target using a colour system as below:

Red = significantly underachieving

Amber = underachieving

Green = on base target

Blue = above base target

Assessment of coursework and exams will be marked using the GCSE grade system, 9 being the top grade, 1 the lowest.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework is set as necessary by your teacher. There will be times when there is very little homework and times (such as for exams) when there will be more. This will be monitored by your Graphics teacher. It is a vital part of the course and you cannot achieve the higher grades without completing independent work.

## **COURSEWORK**

Your coursework which is worth 60% of your overall GCSE grade, will be submitted at the end of the Christmas term. At the start of the Spring Term, you will receive your exam paper and prepare for your exam over several weeks. The exam contributes to the final 40% of the GCSE grade.

## **EXAMINATIONS**

In November of Year 11 you will have a 5-hour mock exam. You will be given approximately 4 weeks to prepare for this exam and 75% of your final exam marks will be achieved through the preparatory work you produce. All preparatory work is done independently as homework to enable your teacher to gain an understanding of your ability to work independently.

You will also have your final exam around March / April of Year 11, which contributes to the final 40% of your GCSE grade. You will receive your exam paper in January of Year 11 and will work on the preparatory work for the exam in lessons, until the exam date. As with the mock exam, 75% of the marks for this exam come from the preparatory work.

## **SYLLABUS**

Please read through the syllabus for other key information.