GCSE OCR Graphics

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Format

Year 10 coursework: Unit A531 (Introduction to designing and making)
This coursework project is 30% of the final grade. Students choose and follow 1 of 3 schemes of work, designed to enable them to explore a range of Graphics knowledge and skill development; this includes presentation, graphics based computer software (CADCAM) and design ethics. Students will have a May deadline for project 1.

Year 11 coursework: Unit A533 (Making quality products)
This coursework project is 30% of the final grade. Applying knowledge and skills acquired in year 10, students respond to one of a range of design situations. Students apply the design process including: research, specification, initial ideas, development, final design, modelling and creating a final outcome.

Year 11examination: A535 (Sustainability and technical aspects of designing and making)
The written exam is 40% of the final grade. This paper requires knowledge and understanding of the environmental impact of todays world, questions knowledge of company logo's and the uses within British and European products. A possible design task and exploration of packaging functions including the success of graphical imagery.

Success Tips

- As weighting of the 2 controlled assessments are even, students are expected to enter the course with a high level of Graphics knowledge and understanding.
- Students need to ensure that presentation of all work is of a very high standard, reflecting the design industries expectation of quality and care.
- Understand and demonstrate the use of Health and Safety requirements in industry and the workshop.
- Extend all of your research beyond the information given to you.
- Understand and demonstrate the need for constant analysis and refinement so ensure a quality finish.
- It's really important that every aspect of your work is annotated to allow a thought process to be easily identified.
- Work with and research the properties and applications of a range of materials, with the enhanced knowledge of environmental impact.

We would encourage students and parents to visit www.ocr.co.uk to look at the Graphics specification and assessment criteria.

Study guides are available for OCR Graphics by Coordination Group Publications: www.cgpbooks.co.uk