GCSE OCR Graphics

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	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

- Students need to ensure that presentation of all work is of a very high standard, reflecting the design industries expectation of quality and care.
- Extend all of your research beyond the information given to you. Take personal responsibility and ownership of your project
- 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. 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 both in your design folder and when modelling or creating your outcome.
- Don't fall behind on tasks and catch up quickly if you do. Remember that each task is an important part of the design process/ evidence. Students must maintain a consistent high standard Time invested now will reduce pressure as you approach coursework deadline date.
- Invest time to really explore, develop and refine your idea through visuals and modelling. Liaise with your teacher and DT technician before finalising your design to ensure that all practicalities of production have been considered fully.

We would encourage students and parents to visit www.ocr.co.uk to look at Graphics past exam papers. Hard copies are also available from Mrs Price.