

Digital Design / NPA Visual Communications at Level 5

Why Digital Design / Visual Communications?

This course is designed to give opportunities for self-expression and to work creatively with design software packages in a satisfying and enjoyable way. It provides an insight into the world of the Visual Arts and Design and helps to develop many skills such as research, problem solving and the development of technological skill through a range of contexts.

Aims

- Use the design process through research and development to create a final design utilising a wide range of media.
- Develop an understanding of design software packages through the production of a folio of experimental design work and present their work for assessment.
- Develop graphic design skills in response to a given brief.

This course is suitable for all pupils with an interest in Digital Design, as well as creative individuals. It is suitable for pupils with a general interest in the subject, and for those wanting to progress onto further levels of study. This qualification will allow pupils to consolidate and further extend their Art and Design skills developed through the design process. Pupils will have the opportunity to experiment with traditional art and design materials, however, the majority of the work will be digitally produced.

There are 3 Units:

- **Software Skills**
- **Introduction to Graphic Design**
- **The Design Process**

Assessment

Assessment of the 3 units within the NPA will be internally assessed on a pass or fail basis.

Homework requirements

Pupils will be expected to continue to study the work of designers through research tasks to consolidate and enhance class work.

Possible progression routes

Completion of the NPA may lead to entrance to National 5 Art & Design.

Further advice and information is available from the Art Department or Mrs Barrie.