

Graphic Communications

**Exam Board Details:**

AQA Art and Design – Graphic Communications 8203

Specification: http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/art-and-design/specifications/AQA-ART-GCSE-SP-2016.PDF

23rd and 24th April – 10 Hour practical exam.

**What is being studied this year:**

Until Christmas pupils will be completing their 3rd part of the “Artists that changed a generation” project that they have been working on for the whole course. The 3rd part is based around the “Mailmeart” project, and will follow the same structure as the other 2 units – Shepard Fairey and Lauren Child.

Following this a “Final Piece” will need to be created as a summary of the whole project.

After Christmas the exam board will release the titles for the final exam which is in April. Pupils will then start on their preparation for the exam.

Following the exam there will be a short period of making any necessary upgrades to portfolios prior to submission in May.

**What Can You Do To Support Your Child?**

Most pupils still have some work to do to complete their units from last year, for many this is mounting work and presenting it for assessment. Please encourage your child to attend Thursday evening sessions to get any outstanding work up to date.

When planning and preparing for the final exam, taking photographs is a really important part of this. Please support your child with this.

We have an expectation that pupils will spend 1-2 hours a week working on their graphics portfolio’s outside of lesson time. This may be completing research, taking photographs, sketching or continuing with practical design work. While many pupils choose to do this in catch up sessions, it is also possible to access all of the required software (office, photoshop, 2D Design etc) from outside school using our remote access system. This can be found at: <http://www.mycamshill.com/staff.html>, selecting “dashboard” and logging in using normal login details.