



GCSE Graphics

One year course.

Students will combine this course with up to five other GCSEs.

Graphic Design is the practice of visual communication that combines images, words and ideas. The course will develop your problem solving abilities and will introduce you to using a variety of art materials. Graphics combines art, printmaking, typography and computer aided design skills.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. You must have a grade D in Art and Design or Graphics to do this course.

This subject will focus on:

- research – photographic, drawing, recording observations;
- analysing – investigating and linking artists and designers;
- developing ideas and using a variety of materials; and
- creating and developing final graphic outcomes.

You can expect to:

- explore and be taught a variety of graphic and art techniques;
- follow design and illustration briefs from conception to realisation;
- make visits to relevant places and galleries;
- annotate and evaluate; and
- prepare work ready for exhibition.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework and practical examination.

Progression:

You may be able to progress on to AS level Art and Design courses or BTEC National Certificate/Diploma programmes.

Other information:

A basic range of media and materials will be provided. Students will need to purchase a range of other art materials in order to do further work outside of the lesson. They will be advised of the requirements on entry to the course. Trips and visits to London and abroad are arranged as a part of the course.

Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

Josh Daly (ex Abbs Cross) who gained a B grade at GCSE said, "It is a well-rounded course which prepared me well for my Applied Art and Design A Level course. I am now going on to do a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

In 2008 the GCSE Graphics course achieved an 83% pass rate.